



In this image taken with a fisheye lens, Boston Red Sox players take batting practice as a rainbow appears in the sky above Fenway Park Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, in Boston. The Red Sox are scheduled to host the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 1 of baseball's World Series tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

Red Sox, Cardinals Set To Renew October Rivalry

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AP Baseball Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Plenty of Cardinals got their first look at the century-old Fenway Park during a workout Tuesday, a day before they opened the World Series against the Boston Red Sox. Hardly the first time we've seen these old rivals together, however. From Stan the Man and the Splendid Splinter, to Gibby and Yaz, to Pedro and Pujols, the Redbirds and Red Sox have created their own history. Now, they're set to meet for the fourth time in "that October kind of air," as Cardinals Game 1 starter

Adam Wainwright described it.

Jon Lester will oppose him Wednesday night, facing a lineup that got a late boost. Allen Craig, who hit a major league-leading .454 with runners in scoring position but hasn't played since Sept. 4 because of sprained left foot, is set to return.

"I feel like I'm in a good spot," said the cleanup man, who will be the Cardinals' designated hitter. Weather could be a factor, too, with temperatures expected to dip and rain on the forecast.

Boston was listed as a slim

favorite in the matchup between teams that tied for the big league lead in wins. The clubs haven't met in the regular season since 2008, and Red Sox speedster Jacoby Ellsbury was looking forward to this pairing that some are billing as the Beards vs. the Birds.

"It will be exciting to see some unfamiliar faces," he said.

David Ortiz, Dustin Pedroia and many of their scraggly Boston teammates figure to get a good look at the Cardinals' crop of young arms, led by postseason ace Michael Wacha and relievers Trevor Rosenthal, Carlos

Martinez and Kevin Siegrist. Ortiz is the link to the Red Sox team that swept St. Louis in the 2004 Series — Boston never trailed at any point — and ended an 86-year championship drought.

"Obviously I'm aware of the history of the two teams," Ellsbury said.

"Once the first pitch happens, all that goes out the window."

The Red Sox are trying to win their third crown in 10 years. St. Louis is aiming to take its second title in three years and third in eight seasons.

"Some of us have some

pretty bad memories of being here in 2004, and we're looking to kind of right that ship," St. Louis manager Mike Matheny said.

Matheny was the Cardinals' catcher that year, backed up by rookie Yadier Molina. Now Molina is considered the best defensive catcher in baseball, charged with trying to stop Ellsbury and a Red Sox team that's run a lot in the postseason.

"It's fun to be part of this history, to be here in Fenway Park, to be part of this Series against Boston," Molina said.

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Vatican launches first cricket club

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican served tea and cucumber sandwiches Tuesday as it launched its first cricket club, an initiative aimed at forging ties with teams of other faiths. No, Pope Francis isn't taking up the sport long associated with manicured grounds and English nobility; the soccer-mad "slum pope" still prefers the lower-brow sport of his beloved San Lorenzo club. But he and the Vatican have long championed sports as good for mind, body and soul, and the cricket club is the latest initiative of the Vatican's culture ministry to use sports to engage in dialogue with the contemporary world. Australia's ambassador to the Holy See, John Mc-

Carthy said before passing around a tray of cucumber tea sandwiches, a mainstay of cricket events.

The club is expected to count on some 250-300 students and priests at the Vatican and various pontifical universities around Rome where cricket is already being played informally; from these individual teams a Vatican one would be selected and fielded as early as the spring.

Rome's Capannelle Cricket Club is letting the Vatican use its pitch, and McCarthy said anonymous donors would cover equip-

with ideas of chivalry and gentlemanly behavior dictating their play— date from the Victorian era of the late 19th century, but that cricket's origins are very different and far more popular.

"The first mentions that we found in this country are just an ordinary man (playing) when he would have been at church on Sunday — which is a bit ironic, actually," he said with a laugh.

Cricket's enormous appeal in places like India, once part of the British empire, is actually much more in line with the game's more popular origins, he said.

Indeed, in keeping with Pope Francis' aim for the church to reach out to the poorest, the Vatican made clear that its cricket club wasn't thinking of English



From left, Father Theodore Mascarenhas, Australian Ambassador to the Holy See John McCarthy, Monsignor Sanchez de Toca y Alameda, undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture, and Father Eamon O'Higgins meet the journalists as cricket equipment is displayed on a table at the Vatican, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. The Vatican has officially launched its cricket club, an initiative aimed at forging ties with teams of other faiths. (AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

Carthy, was the brainchild behind the initiative and said he hopes the St. Peter's Cricket Club will field a team to play the Church of England at Lord's sometime next fall.

He said the aim is to boost interfaith dialogue, given cricket's immense popularity in largely non-Catholic India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. It would be a "very special occasion" if seminarians from Rome's pontifical universities might one day play students at Muslim or Hindu religious

ment, organizational and other related costs.

Adam Chadwick, curator of collections at Lord's Cricket Ground in London, which prides itself as the home of the sport, welcomed the initiative and seemed open to a Vatican-Church of England match played on one of its pitches in the upscale St. Johns Wood section of the capital.

In a phone interview, Chadwick said the image of cricket — of men in white playing on country estates

high society but rather the sport's appeal with the masses.

"This represents the desire of the council to be in the peripheries, the outskirts of the world," said Monsignor Melchor Sanchez de Toca, who runs the sports department in the Vatican's culture ministry.

The Vatican already has its "Clericus Cup" soccer tournament, which pitches the Swiss Guards against seminarians from the North American College and other teams. □



Eugen Darie, right, and Alexandru Bitu, left, two suspects charged with stealing paintings from a Dutch museum, enter a court building for a hearing in their trial in Bucharest, Romania, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. (AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

Romanians admit stealing art works in Netherlands

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BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— Three Romanians have pleaded guilty to stealing seven paintings, including works by Picasso, Monet and Matisse, from a Dutch museum in a daring nighttime raid that shocked the art world.

Radu Dogaru, Alexandru Bitu and Eugen Darie, told a Bucharest court on Tuesday that they took the multimillion-dollar paintings from the Kunsthall Museum in October 2012. They were charged with the theft and of bringing the paintings into Romania. The works have never been found, and may have been burned. In their depositions to prosecutors, the suspects, who were arrested in January, said they brought the paintings to Romania, tried to sell them on the black market, then left them with Dogaru's mother, Olga Dogaru. Chief suspect Radu Dogaru told the court Tuesday that when he stole the paintings on the night of Oct. 15-16, he thought they were fakes. "I could not believe you could enter as easily as that," he said. "The security was practically nonexistent. The door was closed but not blocked. I entered practically just with a screwdriver." He told the court that the paintings were handed over to a Russian Ukrainian man whom he identified and wrote the man's address on a piece of paper for the court. The name was not publicly confirmed.

He also claimed that at one point he had told a Dutch prosecutor that he would return five of the paintings to Dutch authorities, but that they declined the offer, asking for all seven.

Dogaru denied the paintings had been burned in his mother's stove. He said that remains of paint, canvas and nails identified in the ash by a Romanian museum could have been from a fence with handmade nails or from 19th-century icons that were in the family home.

Olga Dogaru, who is charged with handling stolen property, had told investigators she burned the paintings, but later denied it. Six Romanians have been put on trial in the case, including one who is being tried in absentia and another who is not under arrest. Thieves broke in through a rear emergency exit of the Kunsthall, grabbed the paintings off the wall, put them in sacks and fled — all within minutes — in the biggest art heist to hit the Netherlands for more than a decade.

The stolen paintings were: Pablo Picasso's 1971 "Harlequin Head"; Claude Monet's 1901 "Waterloo Bridge, London" and "Charing Cross Bridge, London"; Henri Matisse's 1919 "Reading Girl in White and Yellow"; Paul Gauguin's 1898 "Girl in Front of Open Window"; Meyer de Haan's "Self-Portrait," around 1890; and Lucian Freud's 2002 work "Woman with Eyes Closed." □

Bay Area trains running after deal reached to end strike

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LEFF co-Oakland Bay Bridge toll plaza was snarled in the morning.

Monday night. Crunican said there would be no immediate an-

nouncements on the details while union leaders explained the agreement to their members, but she said it was a compromise and added: "This deal is more than we wanted to pay."

BART is the nation's fifth-largest rail system, with an average weekday ridership of 400,000.

Workers walked off the job on Friday after talks broke down. Commuters endured jammed roadways and long lines for buses and ferries, as they looked for alternate ways around the region.

The talks between BART and its two largest unions dragged on for six months— a period that saw two chaotic dayslong strikes, contentious negotiations and frazzled com-

muters wondering if they would wake up to find the trains running or not.

Negotiations resumed and a settlement was reached just two days after two track workers were killed in a BART train accident in Walnut Creek and a day after unions offered concessions on work rules — a key point of contention in the talks. Federal investigators said Monday that the train was run by a BART employee who was being trained. Union officials had warned that training managers to operate trains during the walkout could be dangerous. "This is a reminder, this weekend, that this is about people," said Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who joined BART and union officials to announce the settlement. □



Bay Area Rapid Transit passengers wait for a train Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, in Oakland, Calif. Trains in the San Francisco Bay Area were running again Tuesday after a tentative deal capped six months of contentious labor negotiations. (AP Photo/Ben Margot)

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Trains in the San Francisco Bay Area were running again Tuesday after a tentative deal capped six months of contentious labor negotiations and two strikes that upended hundreds of thousands of daily commutes.

Limited Bay Area Rapid Transit train service began running again around 6 a.m. Tuesday, two hours later than BART had said it would and not in time to prevent many commuters from turning to alternative modes of transportation. Traffic at the San Francis-

BART officials said workers were trickling in as they heard about the settlement that ended a four-day strike. They hoped trains would be running a full service in time for the afternoon commute.

The tentative contract deal was announced by BART and union officials. It still requires approval from union members and then from BART's board of directors.

"The public expects us to resolve our differences and to keep the Bay Area moving," BART general manager Grace Crunican said

Two human rights groups criticize US drone program

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States on Tuesday defended drone strikes targeting al-Qaida operatives and others it deems enemies, rejecting reports by two human-rights groups questioning the legality of strikes they asserted have killed or wounded scores of civilians in Yemen and Pakistan. Human Rights Watch alleged that 82 people, at least 57 of them civilians, were killed by the unmanned aircraft and other aerial strikes in Yemen between September 2012 and June 2013 and

called such strikes unlawful or indiscriminate. Amnesty International called on the U.S. to investigate reports in Pakistan of civilian casualties, among them a 68-year-old grandmother hit while farming with her grandchildren.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch said such strikes are unlawful or indiscriminate. Amnesty, based in London, said it is concerned that the attacks outlined in the report and others may have resulted in unlawful killings that constitute extrajudicial executions or war crimes. □

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"It's different to play here overall. Playing defense, offense, pitching. It's different, but at the same time it's fun," he said.

David Freese grew up in St. Louis and became MVP of the 2011 Series. He heard about Stan Musial vs. Ted Williams in 1946, knew about Bob Gibson facing Carl Yastrzemski in '67 and recalled watching on TV when Red Sox reliever Keith Foulke fielded Edgar Renteria's tapper to finish off 2004.

"I remember the comebacker that ended it. The sweep. You don't expect a World Series to end in four games," the 30-year-old third baseman said.

Freese said he'd always hoped to get a chance to play at Fenway, and he got his first look Tuesday.

After Matheny stood near the mound and pointed out the particulars of the dirt triangle in center field, Freese stepped in for batting practice. He launched a long drive that hit high off the Green Monster in left-center, the loud thwack echoing all around the ballpark.

"That's my Wall ball," he hooted to teammate Matt Holliday.

Good for a hitter, maybe not so great for a pitcher.

"A ballgame can change with one swing of the bat in this ballpark," Wacha said.

"It's pretty crazy. Crazy dimensions, that's for sure."



St. Louis Cardinals players warm up before batting practice for Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the Boston Red Sox Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, in Boston. The Red Sox are scheduled to host the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 1 of baseball's World Series tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013.

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A promotional advertisement for KFC's Halloween Deal. The background is red with a silhouette of a haunted house and bats. At the top right is the KFC logo with the slogan "SO good". Large white text on the left says "30.00 BE SMART". In the center, there's a large bucket of fried chicken. To the right, there are smaller containers of mashed potatoes and coleslaw, and a corn on the cob. At the bottom, the deal is listed: "8 Pieces of Chicken", "1 Large Mashed Potatoes", "1 Large Coleslaw", and "1 Corn on the Cob".

Police looking at suspects in Fla. escaped inmates probe

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TALLAHASSEE, Florida (AP)

— At least seven inmates in Florida have used forged documents in attempts to escape from prison, including two killers who were mistakenly freed because of the paperwork, authorities said Tuesday.

Police said they were looking at several suspects in the investigation of the escape of Joseph Jenkins and Charles Walker, but so far they have made no arrests. Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald Bailey said the prisoners were not cooperating. "In law enforcement terms, they've lawyered up," Bailey said. "But we will find the details of what led to these escapes without their help, but should they choose to cooperate, we will have the answers that we need, the answers that we demand sooner rather than later."

Jenkins and Walker were let out of a Panhandle prison on Sept. 27 and Oct. 8, respectively, because of fake paperwork that reduced their life sentences to 15 years, authorities said. It was Jenkins' second

time trying to escape with forged papers. He failed in 2011, Bailey said.

Jenkins and Walker were captured Saturday at a Panama City motel. Authorities found an iPad and cellphone there, and they were reviewing them for evidence. Police also want to know how the men got to the motel and who was coming from Atlanta to take them somewhere else. The convicted murderers arrived at the Orange County Jail on Tuesday and were placed in maximum security in two separate locations. It's the same jail where they registered as felons in the days after they were released from prison. Hours later, they were ordered back into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Besides the forged documents, forensic examiners were looking at computers and printers seized from the Franklin County prison. So far, there is no indication that any Department of Corrections workers helped the inmates with their escape, but investigators are still looking at any possibilities of an inside job, Bailey said.

Police: School shooter, 12, got gun from home

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SPARKS, Nevada (AP) — The 12-year-old student who opened fire on a Nevada middle school campus, wounding two classmates and killing a teacher before he turned the gun on himself, got the weapon from his home,

day, law enforcement and school officials again lauded the actions of 45-year-old math teacher and former Marine Michael Landsberry, who tried to stop the rampage before he was killed. "I cannot express enough appreciation for Mr. Landsberry," School District Superintendent Pedro Martinez

"He was telling him to stop and put the gun down," student Jose Cazares told NBC's "Today" show Tuesday.

"Then the kid, he yelled out 'No!' Like, he was yelling at him, and he shot him."

Landsberry suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest.

Still, his actions gave students enough time to run to safety, according to County School District Police Chief Mike Mieras.

Police said they believe the shooter at one point tried to enter the school but couldn't open the door because of emergency lockdown procedures.

After killing Landsberry, the boy fired at a second student, hitting him in the abdomen. He then shot himself in the head.

The two 12-year-old boys who were wounded are in stable condition and recovering.

Authorities provided no motive for the shooting but said they've interviewed 20 or 30 witnesses and are looking into any prior connection the victims had with the shooter.

"Everybody wants to know why — that's the big question," Sparks Deputy Police Chief Tom Miller said.

"The answer is, we don't know right now."

Parents clung to their children at an evacuation center shortly after the shooting while the community struggled to make sense of the latest episode of schoolyard violence, which happened less than a year after the Newtown, Connecticut, massacre. □



This undated photo provided by Chandra Landsberry shows Sharon and Michael Landsberry. Police said Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, the student who wounded two classmates and killed Michael Landsberry and then himself on a Nevada middle school campus in Sparks, Nev., was 12 years old. Police also lauded the actions of Landsberry, a 45-year-old math teacher and former Marine, who they say tried to stop the rampage before he was fatally shot in the chest.

(AP Photo/Chandra Landsberry)

authorities said Tuesday. School District police said they are still working to determine how the boy obtained the 9mm semi-automatic Ruger handgun used in the Monday morning spree at Sparks Middle School.

The boy's parents are cooperating with authorities and could face charges in the case, police said.

Authorities say they are withholding the seventh-grader's name out of respect for his family.

At a news conference Tues-

day, law enforcement and school officials again lauded the actions of 45-year-old math teacher and former Marine Michael Landsberry, who tried to stop the rampage before he was killed.

The violence started before the first bell of the day rang, as students filed off buses and gathered for class.

The boy opened fire outside a school building, hitting one 12-year-old student in the shoulder. He then headed toward a basketball court, where he encountered Landsberry. The teacher walked calmly toward the shooter and lifted his hands, asking the boy to hand over his weapon.

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AP Exclusive: US Nuclear officers left blast door open

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AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Twice this year alone, U.S. Air Force officers entrusted with the launch keys to nuclear-tipped missiles have been caught leaving open a blast door that is intended to help prevent a terrorist or other intruder from entering their underground command post, Air Force officials have told The Associated Press.

that such violations have happened, undetected, many more times than in the cases of the two launch crew commanders and two deputy commanders who were given administrative punishments this year. The blast door violations are another sign of serious trouble in the handling of the nation's nuclear arsenal. The AP has discovered a series of problems within the ICBM force, including

ing the prohibition against having the blast door open when only one crew member is awake, because the costs of a mistake are so high. The officers, known as misileers, are custodians of keys that could launch nuclear hell. The warheads on the business ends of their missiles are capable of a nuclear yield many times that of the atomic bombs dropped on Japan in 1945.

struction on ICBM weapon safety, last updated in June 1996, says, "One crewmember at a time may sleep on duty, but both must be awake and capable of detecting an unauthorized act if ... the Launch Control Center blast door is open" or if someone other than the crew is present. The blast door is not the first line of defense. An intruder intent on taking control of a missile command post

center, known as a capsule for its pill-like shape, monitors and operates 10 Minuteman 3 missiles. The missiles stand in reinforced concrete silos and are linked to the control center by buried communications cables. The ICBMs are split evenly among "wings" based in North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. Each wing is divided into three squadrons, each responsible for 50 missiles. In neither of the two reported violations was security of the crews' missiles compromised, the Air Force said in response to questions from the AP, "due to the multiple safeguards and other protections in place." But these were clear-cut violations of what the Air Force calls "weapon system safety rules" meant to be strictly enforced in keeping with the potentially catastrophic consequences of a breach of nuclear security. In the two episodes confirmed by the Air Force, the multi-ton concrete-and-steel door that seals the entrance to the underground launch control center was deliberately left open while one of two crew members inside napped. The crew commander received a letter of reprimand and was ordered to forfeit \$3,045 in pay for two months, Sheets said. The deputy crew commander was given a letter of reprimand. Punishment of that sort does not require the officer to leave the service but usually is a significant obstacle to promotion and could mean an early end to his or her career.



An Air Force missile crew commander stands at the door of his launch capsule 100-feet underground where he and his partner are responsible for 10 nuclear-armed ICBM's, in north-central Colorado.

(AP Photo/Eric Draper)

The blast doors are never to be left open if one of the crew members inside is asleep — as was the case in both these instances — out of concern for the damage an intruder could cause, including the compromising of secret launch codes. Transgressions such as this are rarely revealed publicly. But officials with direct knowledge of Air Force intercontinental ballistic missile operations told the AP

a failed safety inspection, the temporary sidelining of launch officers deemed unfit for duty and the abrupt firing last week of the two-star general in charge. The problems, including low morale, underscore the challenges of keeping safe such a deadly force that is constantly on alert but is unlikely ever to be used. The crews who operate the missiles are trained to follow rules without fail, includ-

"The only way that you can have a crew member be in 'rest status' is if that blast door is shut and there is no possibility of anyone accessing the launch control center," said Lt. Gen. James Kowalski, the commander of Air Force Global Strike Command. He is responsible for the entire force of 450 Minuteman 3 missiles, plus the Air Force's nuclear-capable bombers. The written Air Force in-

would first face many layers of security before encountering the blast door, which — when closed — is secured by 12 hydraulically operated steel pins. The door is at the base of an elevator shaft. Entry to that elevator is controlled from an above-ground building. ICBM missile fields are monitored with security cameras and patrolled regularly by armed Air Force guards. Each underground launch

center, known as a capsule for its pill-like shape, monitors and operates 10 Minuteman 3 missiles. The missiles stand in reinforced concrete silos and are linked to the control center by buried communications cables. The ICBMs are split evenly among "wings" based in North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. Each wing is divided into three squadrons, each responsible for 50 missiles. In neither of the two reported violations was security of the crews' missiles compromised, the Air Force said in response to questions from the AP, "due to the multiple safeguards and other protections in place." But these were clear-cut violations of what the Air Force calls "weapon system safety rules" meant to be strictly enforced in keeping with the potentially catastrophic consequences of a breach of nuclear security. In the two episodes confirmed by the Air Force, the multi-ton concrete-and-steel door that seals the entrance to the underground launch control center was deliberately left open while one of two crew members inside napped. The crew commander received a letter of reprimand and was ordered to forfeit \$3,045 in pay for two months, Sheets said. The deputy crew commander was given a letter of reprimand. Punishment of that sort does not require the officer to leave the service but usually is a significant obstacle to promotion and could mean an early end to his or her career. The AP was tipped off to the Malmstrom episode shortly after it happened by an official who felt strongly that it should be made public and that it reflected a more deeply rooted disciplinary problem inside the ICBM force. □

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US Financial Front: Woes that slowed American hiring in September linger

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The uncertainty and weakness that hung over the U.S. job market in September before the government shut down aren't going away. Employers will likely remain slow to hire as long as the economy struggles to accelerate, consumers limit their spending and Congress keeps putting off a resolution to a budget fight that will resurface early next year. Just a few months ago, many economists predicted that hiring would pick up by year's end as the effects of tax increases and government spending cuts that kicked in this year faded. No longer. The September jobs report made clear that hiring isn't strengthening. It's slowing. Employers last month added 148,000 jobs, a steep drop from the 193,000 gained in August. From January through March, job growth averaged 207,000 jobs a month. For April through June, the average was 182,000. For July through September, it was just 143,000.

"We had assumed that the headwinds would dissipate, but in fact they didn't," says Doug Handler, an economist at IHS Global Insight. What's more, the 16-day partial shutdown of the government, which began Oct. 1, will likely further depress hiring for October. That's because government contractors and other companies affected by the shutdown imposed temporary layoffs. And the budget battles that led to the shutdown are likely to flare up lat-

er this year and in early 2014. Last week, Congress agreed to keep the government running only until Jan. 15 while President Barack Obama and Congress seek a broader budget agreement.

In the meantime, uncertainty about another budget impasse — and potentially another government shutdown — may cause some businesses to hold off on hiring or expanding.

"Companies are not feeling confident enough to expand, to hire, to invest," said Yelena Shulyatyeva, an economist at BNP Paribas. "They're just sitting on the sidelines, being cautious, and watching all these headlines from Washington."

Consider Patrick Shrader, vice president of Arundel Manufacturing, based near Portland, Maine. Shrader said the uncertainty and brinkmanship in Washington have led his company to postpone hiring. "As soon as we think the dust is settled, and we're ready to move forward, there's something else," he said.

Arundel makes precision metal components for oil and gas drilling equipment, aircraft and semiconductor manufacturers. Defense contracts make up about one-fifth of business. The company has enough work to support up to 10 hires, on top of its current staff of 80, Shrader says. But it isn't ready.

"We're not prepared to bring anybody else on board until we figure out what's going on after Jan. 15," he said.

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A customer enters a Chinese bakery that has a sign posted in the door, "Hiring! Sales Position Inquire within," Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, in New York. The U.S. economy added just 148,000 jobs in September, suggesting that employers held back on hiring before a 16-day partial government shutdown began Oct. 1. Still, hiring last month was enough to lower the unemployment rate.

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US, Afghans confident troop agreement will pass

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — U.S. and Afghanistan officials said Tuesday that they are confident tribal elders and the Afghan population will agree to keep U.S. and coalition troops in the country after 2014, even as a senior U.S. military official warned of high profile attacks and assassinations leading up to Afghanistan's presidential elections next year. The comments come amid persistent uncertainty about the security agreement, including provisions allowing the U.S. military to continue to conduct counterterrorism operations and insuring that U.S. military courts, not the Afghans, would maintain legal jurisdiction over American forces that stay in the country. A senior U.S. official said that Afghan Defense Minister Bismillah Mohammadi told U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel that he has strong confidence that the agreement would be endorsed soon and that the vast majority of Afghans support it. The two spoke during a NATO

meeting where leaders were getting updates on the war and progress of the Afghan forces.

In a separate discussion, a senior U.S. military official said he is pretty confident that the agreement will be signed, adding that he has spoken to Afghans at every level and none have said the bilateral security agreement was a bad idea. The military official also said that Afghans recognize that keeping U.S. and coalition troops in the country after 2014 to train and assist the Afghan forces is key to getting the more than \$4 billion in financial support that allied nations have pledged to provide.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issues publicly due to NATO rules. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and President Hamid Karzai reached an agreement about a week ago on the key elements of a deal that would allow American troops to stay after 2014, when combat troops are scheduled to

leave. One key unresolved issue — which is a deal breaker for the U.S. — is whether U.S. military courts maintain legal jurisdiction over the troops. The U.S. official said Hagel

be discussed by the consultative assembly of tribal elders, or Loya Jirga, before he makes a decision. The national meeting is expected to start between Nov. 19 and 21 and could

ment would then have to be ratified by the Afghan Parliament.

There have been repeated worries that the complex agreement could fall apart in much the same way that



Secretary-General of the European External Action Service Pierre Vimont, right, points as he speaks with U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, left, and NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, center, during a round table meeting of NATO defense ministers at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. NATO defense ministers open a two-day meeting beginning on Tuesday to discuss Syria, Afghanistan, cyber security and ballistic missile defense. (AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

made it clear to Mohammadi that jurisdiction is a must for the security agreement. Karzai said that issue must

last as long as a week, with as many as 3,000 people attending. The Loya Jirga is not binding but Karzai is likely to follow it. The agree-

U.S. negotiations with Iraqi leaders collapsed over the issue of troop immunity. The U.S. then pulled all of its troops out of Iraq. □

Norway mulls taking Syria chemical arsenal

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Associated Press

STAVANGER, Norway (AP)

— Norway is considering a request to take the bulk of Syria's chemical weapons stockpile for eventual destruction, an official said Tuesday.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Ragnhild Imerslund told The Associated Press that the U.N. and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which are working together to eliminate the deadly arsenal, would like to see the stockpile of chemicals destroyed in one country outside Syria.

"But the best solution for them is not necessarily the best solution for Norway," said Imerslund. She said Norway is refusing to handle chemical weapons loaded onto warheads and ready for use, but is considering accept-

ing mixed chemicals and chemical precursors that can be mixed to make deadly nerve agents.

The U.N. has informed Norway that Syria has 50 metric tons of mixed chemicals in the form of mustard gas and some 300-500 metric tons of materials needed to make nerve agents. Imerslund said her government is consulting with a working group made up of environmentalists, military analysts, lawyers, and other ministries. Norwegian officials have yet to select a possible site for destruction, a decision which could lead to protests from nearby municipalities and regions.

A recent survey by InFact, a pollster, said 48 percent of the population opposed destroying Syria's chemical stockpile on Norwegian soil, compared with just 30 percent who support it.

Jorn Siljeholm, a former U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq, said Norway is capable of destroying the chemicals safely, providing it can be over months or even years. "It is technically feasible for Norway to destroy these chemicals. This is purely a political decision," he said. Observers said the mid-2014 deadline for the destruction of Syria's arsenal, which was set by the United States and Russia, could also be a problem. It is "a deadline that would be impossible to meet since Norway at the moment doesn't have any facilities to destroy these chemicals," said Nils Boehmer, a manager at Bellona, a Norway-based environmental group. Imerslund stressed that Norway would not be forced into meeting any deadlines unilaterally set by other organizations. □



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2 charged in school lunch poisoning case in India

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NEW DELHI - Police in India have charged a school principal and her husband with murder in the deaths of 23 children who were fed school lunches laced with insecticide, officials said Tuesday, in a case that shocked the country and contributed to concerns

about food safety.

The principal, Meena Kumari, and her husband, Arjun Rai, went into hiding almost as soon as the young children in Kumari's care fell ill at the school in the village of Gandaman in the Saran district of Bihar, a state in India's northeast. Police arrested Kumari a week after the deaths, which took place in July,

while Rai absconded for nearly two months. Murder charges were filed against the couple Sunday night. Investigators have determined that Kumari provided the school's cook with cooking oil laced with the same kind of insecticide that Rai sold to local farmers. Of the 52 children attending school on July 16, 47 ate the poisoned food

- although many objected to the foul smell. Kumari scolded the complaining children and insisted they eat the meal of rice, soybeans and potato curry. All 47 children became seriously ill and 23 died, according to Raj Kaushal, a police officer who investigated the case. The children were 6 to 12 years old, Kaushal said.

India's midday meal program is one of the most important anti-poverty programs in the world and is a vital source of nutrition for India's children, nearly half of whom suffer some form of malnutrition. The program has also helped raise school attendance in India, where literacy rates remain woefully low.

But food quality and safety standards in the program have long been poor, and the deaths in Bihar have led to a spate of stories about less serious food poisoning problems at other schools. P.K. Shahi, Bihar's minister of human resource development, said in an interview that the state had fixed some of the problems in its school lunch programs by training cooks and building new kitchens, but he noted that the state pays school cooks a salary of just 1,000 rupees (about \$16) a month.

"What kind of quality can be expected with so little money?" Shahi asked. The Gandaman school remains closed more than three months after the deaths, since many local parents refuse to allow their children to attend. Satender Ram, 29, said in a telephone interview that he lost his 10-year-old son, Rahul.

"Rahul was my only son, and I wanted to make him an engineer," Ram said. "With his death all my hopes are gone."

Ram has two daughters, both younger than Rahul, but they have been out of school for months because his wife fears for their safety.

"She's always crying that the school principal killed our son, and she does not want our daughters to meet the same fate," he said. □

Beijing adopts new smog emergency measures

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Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing is seeking to tame the spikes in its infamous smog by preparing emergency measures such as factory shutdowns and traffic limits to kick in when air pollution levels are especially heavy.

The city government said Tuesday the strictest emergency measures will take effect when the pollution index for fine particulate matter, PM2.5, is forecast to exceed 300 micrograms per cubic meter for three days running.

Private vehicles will be allowed to operate only on alternating days, depending on the last number of their license plates. Factory emissions will be cut 30 percent by suspending or limiting production, and construction sites must halt excavation and demolition work. Classes will be suspended, a measure likely to cause inconvenience in a city where most parents both work.

The measures require precise pollution forecasting and timely public notification to be effective, and there was obvious skepticism in the questions asked by Chinese reporters at a



Chinese men walk on the street during a day of heavy pollution in Harbin in northeast China's Heilongjiang province. Visibility shrank to less than half a football field and small-particle pollution soared to a record 40 times higher than an international safety standard in the northern Chinese city as the region entered its high-smog season.

(AP Photo)

briefing announcing the emergency measures. They apply only to industries and individuals in Beijing, despite the fact that as much as 60 percent of the city's air pollution wafts in from neighboring provinces, such as Hebei to the south. "We have no control over Hebei, but this is a national priority and we hope we can be a positive role model," Fang Li, vice director of the city's Environmental Protection Bureau, told reporters.

A sprawling city of more

than 20 million people, Beijing saw air pollution levels spike this year despite the imposition of more than 100 control measures that are enforced with varying strictness.

Vehicle emissions are blamed for about a quarter of the pollution, with coal-fired plants and factory production blamed for most of the rest.

Odd-even license plate traffic restrictions and limits on industrial activity were first rolled out as temporary measures during the

2008 Summer Olympics, after which the city enjoyed a brief improvement in air quality.

Cleaning up the air is considered a decades-long project and Li said the emergency measures to deal with pollution spikes were just part of a program to reduce the use of coal and rein in other forms of pollution.

"The purpose of these measures announced today is merely to try to arrest the deteriorating trend," Li said. □

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Jerusalem mayor fights to hold seat

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The secular mayor of Jerusalem was fighting for his political survival in a closely watched re-election bid early Wednesday, facing a challenger backed by two of Israel's biggest kingmakers in the centerpiece race of nationwide municipal voting.

Preliminary results showed Nir Barkat with a slight lead. But with counting still in its early stages, the race was too close to call.

Interior Minister Gideon Saar announced at a little after 1 a.m. Wednesday that Barkat had won 53.8 percent of the Jerusalem vote while Lion earned 42.7. He did not say how many votes had been tal-

lied but media said it was 10 percent.

Tuesday's vote had a low turnout: About 43 percent nationwide while in Jerusalem it was around 36 percent, according to media. Barkat, a successful former high-tech entrepreneur, was elected in 2008 in a victory seen as a blow to years of dominance by ultra-Orthodox Jews over the city's affairs.

His challenger in Tuesday's vote, Moshe Lion, is backed by two key politicians elbowing to reclaim their former political glory, one of them the chairman of an ultra-Orthodox party. Lion, formerly a director general of the prime minister's office, has the support of Israel's former foreign minister Avigdor Lieberman

and Ariyeh Deri, chairman of ultra-Orthodox political party Shas.

Both Lieberman and Deri have much at stake.

Lieberman's party lost seats in the last national election, and he is awaiting a verdict next month in an ongoing corruption trial. Shas was once a kingmaker in Israeli politics, but it no longer sits in the ruling coalition, and it faces a leadership crisis following the recent death this month of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

Critics say Lion is a political novice who relocated to Jerusalem recently to run for the job. In a recent TV interview he failed to answer basic questions about the city's cultural and political landmarks. □

Saudi clerics and religious scholars protest women driving, blame US

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Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Around 150 clerics and religious scholars held a rare protest outside the Saudi king's palace on Tuesday against fresh efforts by women seeking the right to drive, highlighting the struggle faced by reformers in the ultraconservative kingdom.

Some of the senior religious leaders who protested outside the palace in the Red Sea port of Jiddah said the United States was behind a campaign calling for women to drive on Oct. 26 that claims to have garnered 16,000 signatures.

The government has not cracked down on the driving campaign, and King Abdullah is believed to favor some social reforms. The protest by clerics, who are among the most influential voices in Saudi Arabia, shows the challenge he faces in pushing gently for change without antagonizing conservative segments of the population.

The hard-line Saudi religious establishment has sway over the courts and oversees the often zealous religious police, run by the Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, which enforces strict segregation of the sexes and other restrictive interpretations of Islamic Shariah laws.

"Why was the date of the protest (by women driving) given a Western date and not an Arab one?" asked prominent Sheik Nasser el-Omar at the rally, referring to the Islamic lunar calendar that differs from the Gregorian one used by the West. "This suggests the campaign was made in the U.S.A.," he said in remarks carried by the semi-official news website Akhbar 24.

Since the right to drive campaign launched last month, Saudi women have been uploading videos and sharing pictures online of themselves driving. A number of Saudi women on the country's top advisory body, the Shura Council, also put forth a request this month to discuss the issue of allowing women to drive, though no debate has yet taken place.

While neither Islamic law nor Saudi's traffic laws explicitly ban women from driving, women are not issued licenses. In years past when women tried to drive, some were arrested and charged with disturbing public order. One woman was ordered to be lashed 10 times, but King Abdullah pardoned her.

No women have been arrested trying to drive in recent weeks. In one case, two women were pulled over by police in the main city of Riyadh after one of them posted on Twitter a picture of the other driving.

Eman Al-Nafjan's brother, Khalid Al-Nafjan, told The Associated Press after the incident that the police were polite with his sister and her friend, but made them call their husbands to pick them up. □



Jerusalem mayor Nir Barkat, center, poses with his family as he votes in Jerusalem, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. The mayors of Israel's two largest cities are fighting for their political survival in municipal elections with national implications.

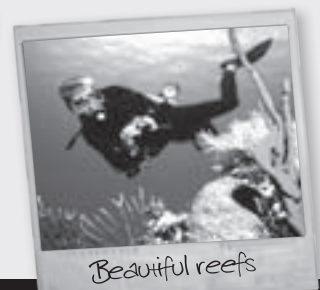
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Cuba announces move toward currency unification

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's government announced Tuesday that it will take the first small, symbolic step toward eliminating a two-currency system that has become an uncomfortable manifestation of economic inequality on the island.

President Raul Castro said this year that the communist government must scrap the system, in which businesses driven by trade with foreigners use a currency known as convertible pesos that is pegged to the U.S. dollar. Most of the rest of Cuba's heavily subsidized communist economy, meanwhile, uses ordinary pesos worth about 5 cents each that cannot be directly converted into foreign currencies.

The system was designed to allow Cuba to receive hard currency needed for international trade from the outside world while insulating the rest of the communist economy from market influences. Currently, Cubans who work in businesses that trade with for-

eigners generally receive higher earnings paid in convertible pesos and use that currency to acquire goods from stores and other establishments that only accept that money. Those goods are more difficult to buy for many government employees who earn lower salaries in less valuable regular pesos, although a growing proportion of them have been receiving additional performance incentives in convertible pesos.

The government did not specify which currency it planned to get rid of. But the official newspaper Granma said that the government's first step would be to allow several businesses that currently accept only convertible pesos, known by their Spanish acronym as CUC, to do business in ordinary Cuban pesos, or CUP. The official exchange rate of 24 ordinary pesos to the dollar will remain in effect, Granma said, meaning the goods themselves will remain out of reach for Cubans without access to the foreigner exchange-driven econo-

my, which includes millions of dollars a year in remittances from relatives in the United States and other countries.

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tem was established in 1994 amid an economic crisis sparked by the fall of the Soviet Union, which heavily subsidized Cuba for decades.

assured readers that "the confidence of people who have maintained their savings in Cuban banks, in CUC, in other international currencies and CUP, will



A book vendor poses with convertible pesos, the four bills on the right, and regular Cuban pesos in front of books of Argentine born Cuban revolutionary hero Ernesto "Che" Guevara and Cuban leader Fidel Castro in Havana, Cuba, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. Cuba's government says it's moving forward with the elimination of its unique two-currency system, but it's revealing no details about the pace or scale of the change.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

locations, cash payments in CUP will be allowed to take place," the paper wrote.

The double monetary sys-

Cuba has said virtually nothing about how it will adjust the two currencies' exchange rates to prevent economic shocks. Granma

remain intact" and government subsidies of basic goods and services including food staples would continue. □

Reports:

Fire at Nigeria's Warri oil refinery

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Rebels are claiming responsibility for a fire at Nigeria's Warri oil refinery that officials call a "minor incident."

Spokeswoman Tumini Green of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. said Tuesday morning's fire caused no injuries and was promptly extinguished.

But a statement purporting to come from the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, or MEND, warned the fire is part of a new campaign

against the government's "unsustainable and fraudulent" amnesty program.

Top MEND fighters signed a 2009 deal in which many were paid by the government. Some now provide protection for the international oil companies they used to attack.

But some disgruntled MEND activists threaten continued sabotage.

Relative peace holds though experts estimate Nigeria loses some 200,000 barrels of oil a day to theft by activists and criminals. □

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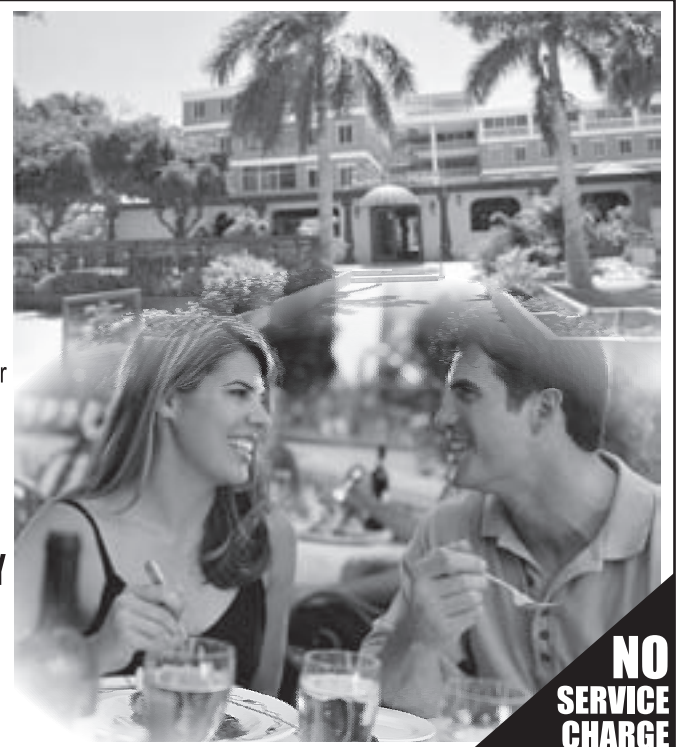
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IAPA condemns press freedom violations

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Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO/DENVER (AP) — A group representing journalists from across the Americas condemned violations of press freedoms in both Latin America and the United States on Tuesday, including the killings of 14 journalists, the secret seizure of Associated Press phone records and a new censorship law in Ecuador.

The Inter American Press Association also cited the large-scale government acquisition of media outlets in Nicaragua, Venezuela, Bolivia and Argentina as well as advertising restrictions in Argentina aimed at hurting independent media outlets as among the worst problems of the last six months during the final day of its 69th general assembly in Denver. Besides the 14 journalists killed in Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Ecuador, Honduras and Paraguay, statutes of limitations for prosecuting the killers of 17 journalists in Colombia and Mexico in previous years is expiring this year, IAPA said in its annual

declaration.

Ecuador's gag law, which took effect in June, created government bodies that have the power to control media ownership, censor content and define who may be a journalist. IAPA asked President Rafael Correa to seek an advisory opinion on the law from the Inter-American Human Rights Court as well as Ecuador's constitutional court to consider petitions against it.

The press group called on Venezuela to end judicial persecution of journalists and media executives and to allow media outlets access to foreign currency so they can buy vital supplies

ing of an attempt to bomb a U.S.-bound airliner, but AP was only notified about the seizure this year.

The IAPA resolution said the seizure was "an overreaching action by the U.S. government" that "had a chilling effect on an open and vigorous pursuit of journalism in the public interest." The organization also cited Gary Pruitt, president and CEO of the AP, who in Denver "described for the (IAPA) General Assembly how fear of government surveillance has led some of the news agency's sources to engage in self-censorship."

IAPA also urged the U.S.



Glenn Greenwald, the journalist who broke the first stories about the National Security Agency's global spy program, speaks via teleconference from Brazil at the 69th General Assembly of the Inter American Press Association in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday, Oct. 21, 2013. Greenwald, an American reporter based in Rio de Janeiro who broke his stories for Britain's Guardian newspaper, spoke to a group of reporters from around the Americas who have gathered in Denver and promised there are many more to come, including details about the United States' spying on its own citizens.

(AP Photo/Gustavo Miranda, O Globo)

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such as newsprint.

Regarding the secret seizure of AP's phone records, IAPA called upon the U.S. Justice Department "to vigorously adopt and comply" with proposed department guidelines to ensure advance notice is given the media in similar cases.

The records were seized in 2012 as part of an investigation to find the source of an AP story about the foil-

Senate and House to pass legislation establishing a "robust" shield law that protects journalists from being forced to divulge their sources — a law that would prevent journalists from being jailed for refusing to do so.

The Miami-based Inter American Press Association has about 1,400 member news organizations and promotes press freedoms throughout the Americas. □



Facebook announced Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, it was working on new ways to keep users from stumbling across gruesome content on its website following an outcry over the discovery of beheading videos there.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

Facebook works to warn users about violent, graphic content

RAPHAEL SATTER
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Facebook announced Tuesday it was working on new ways to keep users from stumbling across gruesome content on its website following an outcry over the discovery of beheading videos there. The controversy — which has drawn critical comment from British Prime Minister David Cameron — illustrates the difficulty of setting a universal standard across the social network used by 1 billion people. Facing sharp criticism, Facebook Inc. issued a statement clarifying that violent videos were only allowed if they were presented as news or held up as atrocities to be condemned.

"If they were being celebrated, or the actions in them encouraged, our approach would be different," the company said in a statement. "However, since some people object to graphic video of this nature, we are working to give people additional control over the content they see. This may include warning them in advance that the image they are about to see contains graphic content."

Facebook banned beheading videos in May but recently lifted the prohibition — a development flagged by the BBC on Monday. A few groups have since condemned the social network for po-

tentially exposing users to the violent content.

Cameron, whose right-leaning government has unveiled several initiatives to censor objectionable content online, said Tuesday allowing the beheading videos back on Facebook was "irresponsible." Facebook's administrators face constant pressure from interest groups trying to impose their own forms of censorship or fighting to lift restrictions they see as oppressive. Women's rights groups want the company to crack down on misogynistic content; others have ridiculed Facebook's ban on the depiction of female breasts. Some believers have urged the site ban what they see as blasphemous content, while others decry what they claim is Facebook's censorship of pages critical of one religion or the other.

Violent news content poses particularly thorny questions for a website that allows children as young as 13 to join. Should photos of heroic rescuers working during the Boston marathon bombings be banned because some people object to the sight of gore? While images of torture and abuse helped fuel the rage of the Arab pro-democracy demonstrators, should they have been banned for being too bloody?

One free speech group said the fact that content is hard to watch didn't mean it should be hidden. □



Hyatt Regency Aruba Reveals New Ballroom Renovations!



PALM BEACH - Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Casino & Spa has announced the reopening of its recently renovated ballroom. The \$3.2 million project marks the completion of the hotel's multi-year revitalization efforts that included the opening of ZoiA Spa and Mexicano, the island's first authentic Mexican res-

taurant. Hyatt Regency Aruba tasked Los Angeles-based Indesign, the firm that also worked on recent upgrades to the hotel's ZoiA Spa and Shoco Market Café, with designing the ballroom to match the contemporary, island-chic look of the rest of the property.



"We are incredibly excited to reveal our new ballroom as its timeless look paired with modern technology will allow us to provide the best product, not only to our out of town guests, but also to our local groups and visitors," said Fred Hoffmann, General Manager. "This also marks the first time that the space has been fully renovated since the opening of the resort more than 20 years ago." In order to experience the state-of-the-art event space first hand, local groups can take advantage of the Hyatt Regency

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Artist Demonstration on Thursday, October 24th at Caribbean Queen!

- **October's Featured Artist, Wendy op de Weegh to demonstrate jewelry making techniques.**

PALM BEACH - On Thursday, October 24th, 2013, local artist Wendy op de Weegh will be holding a demonstration in the Caribbean

Queen store at Palm Beach Plaza Mall, showing off how she makes her beautiful and bold blown-glass jewelry. Wendy was recently chosen as the store's Caribbean Queen for the month of October 2013.

Wendy was born in the Netherlands and moved to Aruba 16 years ago. For as long as she can remember, she has been making beautiful things, working mostly with fabric: quilting, sewing, and creating stuffed animals, more often



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than not cute teddy bears. A few years ago her artistic perception changed when she saw an ad in the local newspaper promoting a glass-beadmaking workshop. It was the point of no return, she confesses, as she got hooked on beads at a workshop given at Stichting Terrafuse under the guidance of former Caribbean Queen, local artist Marian Abath.

"I make my beads with the lampworking technique," Wendy explains. "Behind my torch I turn glass rods into glass beads. The movement of melted glass fascinates me," she says, "and the addition of all the different colors makes lampworking so much fun!"

Wendy names the color of the sky as her inspiration, as well as the colors of the ocean, tropical birds, and flowers. "I am inspired by Carnival costumes," she states, "and all sorts of fashion items, such as multi-colored bathing suits and sarongs."

While she tries to spend as much time as possible behind her torch, studying at the University of Aruba for a master's degree in Aruban law makes it challenging, but not impossible.

On Thursday night, Wendy will personally show how she makes her beautiful creations, which are available at Caribbean Queen during the entire month of October. □



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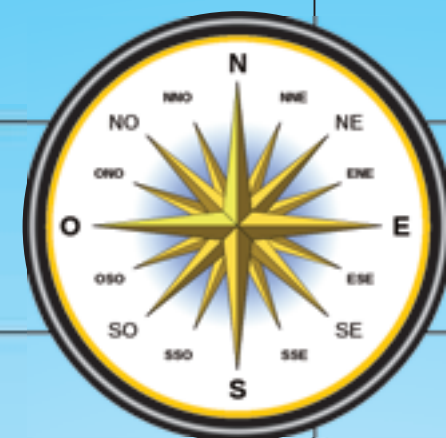
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sented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Gloria Janga and Miriam Rodriguez representing the Costa Linda Beach Resort. □



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Boston Strong: Red Sox ride wave of good feelings

JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Walking back to his Fenway Park office after the traditional Patriots Day morning Red Sox game, Charles Steinberg saw the reports on TV that there had been explosions at the Boston Marathon finish line. He saw video of the damage on Boylston Street. He heard the police say that a fire at the John F. Kennedy Library might be related. And he thought to himself, "We're next."

"That added to the dread," said Steinberg, an executive vice president with the Red Sox who orchestrates many of their pregame ceremonies. "Because your thought then is that if this is a sequence of attacks on iconic Boston locales, Fenway Park could easily be next."

The Red Sox staff quickly and obediently evacuated the ballpark, but Steinberg and his assistants soon went back to plan for the team's return from Cleveland, where it went directly from the Monday morning game. The result was an emotional ceremony that stretched into a season-long tribute to honor the victims, doctors and nurses, police and other first-responders who were there



for the explosions and their aftermath. "I think it was a moment and time that enabled us to galvanize in a certain way," manager John Farrell said Monday as the Red Sox prepared for the World Series. "It was an opportunity for our players to understand their importance to the city and what the Red Sox players mean to this region."

With a "B Strong" logo on the Green Monster, one on their uniforms and another shaved into the Fenway grass, the Red Sox advanced to the World Series on Saturday night for the third time in 10 years. They will open at home against the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night, and Steinberg is working with Major League Baseball to devise an appropriate way to honor those killed and wounded the week of the April 15 bombings.

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With a "B strong" emblem on the Green Monster wall in honor of the Boston Marathon bombing survivors, Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia holds a bat during team baseball practice at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, Oct. 21, 2013. The Red Sox are preparing to face the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 1 of the World Series on Wednesday.

Associated Press

Texas parent alleges bullying in 91-0 game

BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press

Texas high school coach Tim Buchanan benched his starters after only 21 plays, kept to a conservative ground game and even allowed the clock to run uninterrupted after halftime to hasten the final whistle. Still, his Bearcats won 91-0. Now the coach is facing formal accusations of bullying.

The impressive victory for undefeated Aledo High School, an American football powerhouse in suburban Fort Worth that has put up similar numbers against other schools, has forced an investigation after a parent from the opposing team filed a bullying complaint. The complaint, which must be investigated under state law, says Buchanan

should have done more to prevent the lopsided score. "It wasn't good for anybody," Buchanan said of the Friday win over Western Hills in a Class 4A matchup. "I've sat and gone over and over and over it on what we could have done differently. The score could have very easily been 150 to nothing." Western Hills coach John Naylor told the

Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he disagreed with the bullying allegation, which Buchanan said suggested his coaches "should have made their players ease up and quit playing that hard." Naylor did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment Tuesday. Under state law, Aledo's principal must investigate the complaint

and prepare a report. The complaint was filed with the school district, which the law requires to provide bullying complaint forms on its websites. The governing body for high school sports in Texas doesn't have a "mercy rule" for 11-man football, though coaches can agree to end a game early. Buchanan said Tuesday he wasn't aware of that option. □

NHL Capsules

MacKinnon, Avalanche top Crosby, Penguins 1-0

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jean-Sebastien Giguere turned aside 34 shots for his second shutout in 11 days, helping the Colorado Avalanche edge the Pittsburgh Penguins 1-0 on Monday night.

Gabriel Landeskog scored the game's only goal 5:26 into the second period as Colorado improved to 8-1, the best start in franchise history.

The game was billed as a fight for bragging rights between Pittsburgh star Sidney Crosby and Colorado rookie Nathan MacKinnon. The former No. 1 picks both are from Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia in Canada.

Instead, Giguere stole the show. Pittsburgh went 0 for 7 on the power play and lost for the first time at home despite outshooting the Avalanche 34-14.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 13 shots for the Penguins (7-2).

SHARKS 1, RED WINGS 0, SO

DETROIT (AP) — Logan Couture scored in the shootout as San Jose

beat Detroit.

The Sharks (8-0-1) are the NHL's last team without a regulation loss.

Each goalie got a shutout for not allowing a goal in 65 minutes.

Antti Niemi — who got his 24th career shutout — made 24 saves for San Jose and Jimmy Howard, who earned his 17th shutout, stopped 27 shots.

It was Niemi's third shutout against Detroit. He also stopped Todd Bertuzzi on Detroit's final shootout attempt with a spectacular pad save.

It was the first game of a four-game Eastern road swing for San Jose.

FLAMES 3, KINGS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — T.J. Brodie scored the tiebreaking power-play goal with 29.7 seconds to play, helping the Flames rally for a victory over the Kings.

The Flames were awarded a power play with 2:12 left in regulation when Dennis Wideman fell to the ice near the benches, drawing a hooking penalty on Anze Kopitar.



Colorado Avalanche goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere (35) makes a glove save in the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh Monday, Oct. 21, 2013. The Avalanche won 1-0.

Associated Press

Brodie collected a bouncing puck in the slot and beat Jonathan Quick for the third power-play goal of the night for the Flames, who had lost on the first two stops of their five-game trip.

Mike Cammalleri scored in his season debut for the Flames, and rookie Sean Monahan added another power-play goal in the second period. Karri Ramo stopped 27 shots in his first victory for Calgary. □



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Handful of Cardinals remain from '11 Series

R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Squads change so quickly these days, the St. Louis Cardinals used only seven players from their 2011 World Series roster in this year's NL championship series.

The NL champions got contributions from 20 rookies this season, many in starring roles on a team that led the NL with 97 wins and then reached the World Series for the second time in three years.

General manager John Mozeliak sees little commonalities, pointing out the '11 team sneaked into the postseason as the second wild card.

"The good story line is you've got two teams that have the best records in the game matching up in the World Series," Mozeliak said.

"And I think that's nice. A lot of times, that doesn't work out."

Lance Lynn is the only pitcher left from two years ago, joined against the Dodgers by position players Yadier Molina, Matt Carpenter, Daniel Descalso, David Freese, Matt Holliday and Jon Jay. Cleanup man Allen Craig, sidelined by a foot injury since early September, is expected to join them in the Series and would open as the DH.

The first time Craig would have to play first base is Game 3 Friday in St. Louis, and everyone's optimistic especially given those extra rehab days. Craig's .454 average with runners in scoring position led the majors, and aside from the Cardinals' clinching 9-0 rout of the Dodgers in Game 6 of the NLCS, the offense has struggled without him.

"He could be the differ-



St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina reacts after Los Angeles Dodgers' Mark Ellis strikes out to end Game 6 of the National League baseball championship series Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 9-0 to win the series.

ence," Molina said. "I'm happy to have him back." When the Cardinals were swept by Boston in the 2004 Series, Michael Wacha and Trevor Rosenthal were in middle school. Wacha was a first-round selection in June 2012 — the Cardinals' compensation pick for losing Albert Pujols to the Angels in free agency — scaled the system quickly and has been phenomenal in the postseason at 3-0 with an 0.43 ERA.

"It's unbelievable, just the history," Wacha said. "It's Fenway, it's an amazing

ballpark and I just really look forward to getting to play there."

St. Louis worked out Sunday after a day off to savor the NL pennant. They leave for Boston on Tuesday, and just a handful have firsthand experience of the ill-fated 105-win team that got swept by the Red Sox.

"That was one of the toughest experiences in my baseball career," said manager Mike Matheny, who shared catching duties with Molina that year. "You don't forget that."

Matheny said the feeling

was similar to the nausea he felt as a rookie manager in the 2012 postseason when the Cardinals took a 3-1 NLCS lead over the Giants and then got walloped three straight times. Ace Chris Carpenter was sidelined before that postseason with the first occurrence of a nerve injury that knocked him out all of this season. Carpenter still suits up but in a ceremonial role as a de facto bench coach.

Mozeliak was assistant GM under Walt Jocketty in '04 and remembered every-

thing seeming rushed. The Cardinals beat the Astros in the NLCS, took batting practice at Fenway the next afternoon and then took the first of four lumps. Molina was a 21-year-old rookie in 2004. This year, he's in the conversation for MVP.

"Back then I was just a kid trying to learn," Molina said. "I have a lot more experience."

Carpenter is among four players from '11 that are still with the team but won't be on the roster.

Shortstop Rafael Furcal (elbow) also has been out the entire season, Jaime Garcia is rehabbing from midseason shoulder surgery and Jake Westbrook was rarely used the final month coming off elbow and back woes.

Putting Craig on the roster could come at the expense of rookie Kolten Wong, one of the team's top prospects and the likely second baseman of the future.

"We don't have that many extra guys around here that we'd be jostling around what our roster's going to look like," Matheny said.

Matheny announced Adam Wainwright, a 19-game winner who was injured in 2011, and Wacha as the starting pitchers for Games 1 and 2, but didn't go further.

Joe Kelly and Lynn are likely to go in Games 3 and 4, given Mozeliak anticipates rookie 15-game winner Shelby Miller will stay in the bullpen for emergency long relief duty.

Miller has pitched just one inning in the postseason and threw to Craig on Sunday.

"I think right now where he's at, I think he'll still be probably used as insurance," Mozeliak said. □

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Giants get 1st win, beat sloppy Vikings 23-7

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer
EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — The New York Giants got their first win of the season by holding Adrian Peterson in check and converting Minnesota mistakes into a 23-7 victory on Monday night.

NFL Roundup

The Giants began the season with six losses in which they were the team turning over the ball while showing little penchant for playing defense. But against the Vikings, they were efficient enough, if not overwhelming, and had three takeaways to one lost fumble. Peterson, the league's Most Valuable Player last season and a 2,000-yard

rusher, was held to 28 yards five days after his 2-year-old son was buried in South Dakota. The man accused in the death was indicted on second-degree murder and manslaughter charges, prosecutors said Monday.

Peterson was not helped by a rusty Josh Freeman, making his debut as Vikings quarterback after being signed as a free agent when Tampa Bay cut the 2009 first-round draft pick. Freeman frequently missed open receivers, and several of his throws sailed yards beyond his targets.

Josh Brown kicked three field goals and Rueben Randle caught a 24-yard TD pass for New York.

Marcus Sherels provided Minnesota's points with an 86-yard punt return, but his fumble without being hit during a runback midway in the third quarter set up New York at the Vikings 3.

Peyton Hillis, signed last Wednesday with the Giants in dire need of running backs, surged in from the 1 for a 17-7 lead — New York's biggest in 2013.

The lead grew on Brown's 23-yard field goal to finish off a 16-play, 75-yard drive, and to 23-7 on his 36-yarder. Another Vikings mistake handed those points to the Giants: Rookie Sharif Floyd, a defensive tackle of all things, fumbled at Minnesota's 18 while returning a short kickoff. □



New York Giants wide receiver Rueben Randle (82) catches a pass for a touchdown in front of Minnesota Vikings' Chris Cook (20) during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 21, 2013 in East Rutherford, N.J.

Associated Press

Boston Strong

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Inside the Red Sox clubhouse, the tribute goes on. Shane Victorino, whose grand slam clinched the AL championship series against Detroit, wore a "B Strong" shirt that read, "In support of all victims." Enlarged copies of Jonny Gomes' "Boston Strong" Sports Illustrated cover are all around. Above Mike Napoli's locker is a patch from the Boston police, who helped apprehend suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev after a daylong, city-wide lockdown.

"What I can tell you is that I don't know that one can be more proud of how the players have acted, reacted to the people who have been affected," Steinberg said. "They took the initiative, shunning the help that we might typically give them."



With "B STRONG" cut into the outfield grass in memory of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing, Boston Red Sox baseball players participate in a team workout at Fenway Park in Boston, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, in preparation for Game 1 of the ALCS, Saturday.

Associated Press

Three people were killed and more than 260 wounded in the attacks; an MIT police officer was also killed in a shootout during the manhunt. Even before they returned from the three-day road trip, the Red Sox sent their best wishes back to Boston, posing in the visitors' clubhouse with a "B Strong" banner; a Red Sox jersey

reading "Boston Strong" with the city's 617 area code hung in the dugout for that game.

And then, when the team returned from Cleveland, the franchise that defined baseball selfishness decades ago with the expression "25 players, 25 cabs" split into five groups of five and visited the five local hospitals where the

bombing victims were being treated.

"These guys were able to throw a city on its backs — follow us, we're going to help out any way possible," Gomes said. "I'm just so fortunate that I'm in a position where I have a profession that I can do that to people. But, at the same time, you've got to remember the four people that aren't able to come to a game again and their families and their legends they left behind. We know that in the back of our head there's four angels up above pulling for us."

Steinberg said the players went to clubhouse manager Tommy McLaughlin and asked him to make up the tribute jersey in Cleveland. Will Middlebrooks' tweet of the "BostonStrong" hashtag gave it a spike that lingers still. The players arranged among themselves to visit the hospitals, without the usual help or

prodding of the marketing and community relations departments.

"It was so genuine. It was so sincere," reliever Craig Breslow said. "Any response you saw came from the players — because that's what they wanted to do, not because that's what would look good." And fans have repaid the favor.

"It's a huge part of our success in the playoffs," Gomes said. "Those fans would not allow us to have the wind taken out of our sails all the way."

Outfielder Daniel Nava remembers his disappointment that the team couldn't go straight to the hospital after returning from Cleveland; because of the manhunt, the city was shut down that Friday and the game was postponed. By the time players were able to visit the victims, it was a week after the attacks. □

Breathing Hard -By: Dr Carlos Viana

A sudden difficulty in breathing with a tight feeling in the chest including coughing was described by the Greeks as "azein." This is the word that asthma comes from. These symptoms are considered a disease of the respiratory system and are sometimes caused by allergies.

There are two types of asthma, extrinsic and intrinsic. Extrinsic asthma is caused by allergies that can affect the lungs, skin, and mucous membranes. Intrinsic asthma does not stimulate the body's immune system and is a reaction to such things as cold air, exercise, infection, chronic inflammation, emotional upsets, and irritating smells.

About 34 million North Americans have been diagnosed with asthma, and the number is expected to rise dramatically. According to the Center for Disease Control in the United States asthma is "a more severe disease than before, despite modern drug treatments; from 1982-1992, the death rate from asthma in the United States increased by 35%." These statistics are flattering to neither the pharmaceutical giants nor conventional doctors.

Children younger than ten suffer the most from asthma. Medical researchers have shown that children under age 3 who receive the nasal flu vaccine had a higher risk of developing asthma within weeks of receiving the vaccine. Researchers in Finland have found that children delivered through modern medical childbirth interventions appear to be at greater risk for developing childhood asthma than children delivered naturally. Babies delivered by Cesarean Section have a 38% increased risk of de-

veloping asthma, Vacuum Extraction a 32% increase, and Forceps Delivery have a 114% increase.

Professionally, I encourage all healthy, expectant mothers to use a midwife and promote all women who are able, to breast-feed as long as possible. This is the single most important thing a mother can do for her baby. Introducing milk other than breast milk to infants younger than 4 months old increases the risk of asthma and a predisposition to certain allergies. Babies given bottle milk before their fourth month are 25% more likely to be diagnosed with allergies than are children who received only breast milk during their early months. The length of exclusive breastfeeding is less important, though longer breastfeeding has been associated with less asthma and allergy.

Childhood respiratory problems, including asthma, may be linked to inhaling the mixture of chemicals emitted from disposable diapers. Studies show that chemical emissions of some disposable diapers had immediate health effects in animals. Cotton dippers now come in convenient to clean and use styles, so there is no excuse not to go natural. Actually, it is wise to avoid all chemicals if possible. Read the labels of the products you use on you child or to clean their clothes and your home. Choose non-toxic, biodegradable options, and don't be fooled by the word "natural". Natural may only be part of a product full of unnatural additives.

Another huge problem with breathing is that children who live in a home where people are polluting the air

with secondhand cigarette and cigar smoke are prone to more respiratory infections, including ear, nose and throat. Luckily, many offices are smoke-free today, but we have many adults come to us with lung and respiratory problems from working in a smoky environment.

And these are not the only problems linked to breathing problems. We know that antibiotics are linked to asthma and allergies many times causing production of excess mucus and breathing problems. A Canadian study found children treated with antibiotics under the age of one are twice as likely to develop asthma in childhood. Early studies suggested antibiotics and other drugs could affect the way the immune system works. Experts believe they kill off beneficial bacteria in the intestine and that this may lead to changes in the way the body deals with disease. Most mild asthma does not surface until the body is compromised with an upper respiratory viral infection. Antibiotics do not fight viruses. I recommend using sea water and sunshine as therapy for many viruses.

Many people including doctors are unaware or ill informed when it comes to the profound impact that diet has on most allergies. We have seen patients improve dramatically with strict dietary changes. Cow milk, including in baby formula is one of the most offensive, mucus producing foods today. As a clinical nutritionist, after eliminating most milk from the diets of anyone suffering from asthma or allergies, I suggest healthier calcium rich foods like rice milk or

dark green vegetables for growing and maintaining strong bones and teeth. Then, I recommend Lactobacillus acidophilus the most commonly used probiotic, or "friendly" bacteria. These healthy bacteria inhabit the intestines and protect against the entrance and proliferation of "bad" organisms that can cause disease. L. acidophilus also produces lactase, the enzyme that breaks down milk sugar (lactose) into simple sugars. People who are lactose intolerant do not produce this enzyme. For this reason, L. acidophilus supplements may be beneficial for these individuals.

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Apple unveils new Macs, iPad ahead of holidays

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AP Technology Writers
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple Inc. is refreshing its iPad lineup and slashing the price of its Mac computers ahead of the holiday shopping season, as it faces an eroding tablet market share and growing competition from rival gadget makers.

Apple unveiled a new, thinner, lighter tablet called the "iPad Air" along with a slew of new Macs Tuesday at an event in San Francisco. The iPad Air weighs just 1 pound (0.45 kilogram), compared with 1.4 pounds (0.64 kilogram) for the previous version. Apple marketing chief Phil Schiller called the tablet a "screaming fast iPad." He said it is eight times faster than the original iPad that came out in 2010.

The iPad Air will go on sale Nov. 1 and start at \$499 for a model with 16 gigabytes of memory. Apple plans to phase out its third and fourth generation iPads while the iPad 2, which launched in 2011, continues selling at \$399. A new iPad Mini, meanwhile, will be available later in November starting at \$399 for a 16-gigabyte model. It has a retina display designed to give it a clearer, sharper picture and the same 64-bit chip that powers the iPad Air.

The iPad's market share has been eroding compared with cheaper rivals running Google Inc.'s Android operating system. Research firm Gartner Inc. estimates that Android tablets will end 2013 with a 50 percent share of the worldwide market versus 49 percent for the iPad. Just two years ago, the iPad commanded a 65 percent market

share compared to 30 percent for Android tablets.

Apple sold 14.6 million iPads in the June quarter, down 14 percent from the same time last year. It was the first year-over-year decline in iPad sales. Nonetheless, Apple CEO Tim Cook touted that Apple has sold 170 million iPads since the tablets launched three years ago.

Tim Bajarín, a Creative Strategies analyst who's followed Apple for more than three decades, said the 64-bit chip in the new iPads makes them the most powerful tablets on the market. Keeping the iPad 2 on store shelves also makes sense, according to the analyst. "That's the one that's a big hit in Asia and emerging markets," Bajarín said. "It's still got a lot of traction."

Apple also refreshed its computer lineup. A new, 13-inch (33-centimeter) MacBook Pro with Retina display is thinner and lighter, Schiller said, adding that

the laptop has up to 9 hours of battery life, enough to watch the entire trilogy of 'The Dark Knight' on one charge. The notebook's new price is lower: \$1,299, compared with \$1,499 for the previous version.

A larger MacBook Pro, with a 15-inch (38-centimeter) monitor and 256 gigabytes of storage starts at \$1,999, compared with \$2,199 for the previous version.

The Mac Pro, a high-end desktop computer aimed at what Apple calls "power users," will be available in December for \$2,999.

The company also said that its latest computer operating system, Mavericks, is available free of charge. "Between the iPad and iPhones, I think they'll have a monster holiday season," Bajarín said.

Apple also gave updated statistics related some of its other products. The company said that nearly two-thirds of its mobile devices are running iOS7, the



An Apple employee demonstrates the new iPad Mini on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, in San Francisco. Apple unveiled a new, thinner, lighter tablet called the "iPad Air" and the iPad Mini with Retina Display, along with a slew of new Macs Tuesday at an event in San Francisco.

Associated Press



revised operating system it released in September. Twenty million people have

listened to iTunes Radio about a month after its release. □

Microsoft: 8.1 update issue limited to Surface RT



This Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013 image shows a pre-release version of Windows 8.1 on a tablet in Los Angeles. Microsoft is planning to launch its long-awaited Windows 8.1 upgrade as a free download on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013.

Associated Press

REDMOND, Washington (AP) — Microsoft Corp. said Monday that a problem caused when updating computers to Windows

8.1 RT is limited to its own Surface RT devices. It's another knock on the machine that Microsoft has struggled to sell, even as it

launches the latest version, Surface 2, starting Tuesday. The issue was discovered over the weekend, three months after it slashed prices for Surface RT by \$150 to \$349, without a cover. Microsoft has booked a \$900 million write-down for unsold product.

Some users who tried to download an update to the year-old Windows 8 RT operating system would find their machines would shut off during the download and become inoperable, a phenomenon known as "bricking."

Microsoft said the problem affected less than 1 out of every 1,000 Surface RT machines. It hasn't yet found

out what the problem is exactly.

For now, the Windows 8.1 RT download has been removed from the Windows Store. Microsoft also offered a way to revive the unit and complete the update using a USB drive. The solution requires using a separate computer.

Surface RT units will continue to be sold alongside the new Surface 2, which it is selling for \$449 without a cover. The issue doesn't affect units that have Windows 8.1 RT pre-installed. But some Surface 2 units come pre-loaded with Windows 8 RT, requiring users to update the operating system manually. □

Tepid US employment data stokes Fed stimulus hopes

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The prospect of more economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve pushed the Standard & Poor's 500 index to a fourth consecutive record close Tuesday. Investors also were encouraged by strong earnings from major U.S. companies such as Whirlpool, Delta Air Lines and Kimberly-Clark. The U.S. economy added 148,000 jobs in September, the Labor Department reported Tuesday, lower than the 180,000 jobs forecast. The report was delayed for

2 ½ weeks because of a 16-day partial government shutdown.

Analysts are also expecting the upcoming jobs report for October to be weak because the shutdown may have dampened hiring. In the absence of stronger jobs growth, the economy will struggle to grow quickly and that means the Fed is unlikely to stop its stimulus effort anytime soon.

"We've probably got another relatively soft report ahead of us," said Jeff Kleintop, Chief Market Strategist for LPL Financial. "That's likely to keep the

Fed on hold for some time and the market seems to like that."

The Fed has been buying \$85 billion of bonds a month to keep long-term interest rates low and spur economic growth. The stimulus has been a key driver of a 4 ½-year rally in stocks that has pushed the S&P 500 index and Dow Jones industrial average to record levels this year.

On Tuesday, the S&P 500 index rose 10.01 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,754.67. The Dow gained 75.46 points, or 0.5 percent, to 15,467.66. The Nasdaq

composite advanced 9.52 points, or 0.2 percent, to 3,929.57.

Investors are also watching company earnings for the third quarter.

S&P 500 companies are forecast to report average earnings growth of 3.5 percent for the third quarter, according to the latest estimate from S&P Capital IQ. That would be the slowest rate of growth since the third quarter a year ago.

While growth has slowed, about two-thirds of companies are reporting earnings that are beating forecasts from Wall Street analysts. "So far, the bottom line earnings are beating the reduced expectations," said Darrell Cronk, a regional Chief Investment Officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank.

Netflix had a volatile day. The company's stock opened higher after Netflix reported late Monday that its earnings quadrupled and it attracted more subscribers in the third quarter. The gains faded throughout the day and the stock closed down \$32.47, or 9 percent, at \$322.52.

The stock has gained 248 percent this year, making it the second-best performer in the S&P 500 after Best Buy. Despite the good results, analysts at Jefferies Group say Netflix's valuation is hard to justify given

the cost of content, heavy competition and likelihood that the company will have to raise capital to fund its operations.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.52 percent, its lowest level since late July, from 2.60 percent late Monday.

The yields on long-term Treasury notes are used to set the rates on consumer loans such as mortgages. Falling rates should help the housing sector by keeping the cost of home financing low.

The drop in yields "is very much supportive for the mortgage markets," said Anastasia Amoroso, Global Market Strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds. "That is definitely a tailwind for the housing market and the consumer."

Homebuilders K.B. Home rose 62 cents, or 3.7 percent, to \$17.19. D.R. Horton climbed 56 cents, or 3 percent, to \$19.23.

Stocks of homebuilders also got a boost from a report that showed spending on U.S. construction projects rose at a solid pace in August, helped by further gains in residential building. In commodities trading, the price of crude oil fell \$1.42, or 1.4 percent, to \$97.80 a barrel as recent data indicated there is plenty of supply to meet current demand. The price of gold rose \$26.80, or 2 percent, to \$1,342.60 an ounce.

Among stocks making big moves:

— Whirlpool rose \$15.22, or 11.6 percent, to \$146.19 after the company said its third-quarter net income more than doubled.

— Delta Air Lines rose 80 cents, or 3.2 percent, to \$25.49. The airline made more than a billion dollars in the third quarter as more passengers paid a little bit extra to fly. Delta also said it was seeing strong holiday bookings.

— Kimberly-Clark rose \$4.14, or 4.2 percent, to \$102.97 after the maker of Kleenex tissues and Huggies diapers said its third-quarter net income rose 6 percent. □



A screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, shows the closing number for the Standard & Poor's 500n Index. The prospect of more economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve pushed the S&P 500 close to a fourth consecutive record close, up 10 points to 1,754. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Delta reports \$1.4 billion quarterly profit

Kelly Yamanouchi
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ATLANTA -- Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines reported a nearly \$1.4 billion quarterly profit Tuesday, amid increased passenger traffic and strong holiday bookings.

The third quarter results also indicate that airlines have managed to keep fares high -- with Delta president Ed Bastian saying in a written statement that the "revenue environment appears solid through the end of the year."

Delta's net income, which amounted to \$1.59 per share, was up 31 percent from its results a year ago. It included an increase in

the value of Delta's fuel contracts, as well as ex-

The higher profit came on \$10.5 billion in operat-



A Delta Air Lines aircraft takes off at Miami International Airport in Miami. Delta Air Lines made more than a billion dollars in the third quarter, Delta reported Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. Even its new oil refinery turned a small profit. (AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

penditures for the airline's aircraft replacements.

ing revenue, up 6 percent from a year ago. Delta's

operating expense for the quarter amounted to nearly \$9 billion, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Delta's financial results also included a \$40 million benefit from its new ownership stake in British carrier Virgin Atlantic.

And Delta also reported the first profit from the oil refinery it acquired last year. Getting the oil refinery up and running with successful results has been more difficult than the airline expected. Delta said the Trainer refinery's operations produced a \$3 million profit in the September quarter, though results were pressured by a lower jet fuel premiums. □

Oil falls below \$98; analysts see supplies rising

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil closed at the lowest level since June Tuesday as recent data indicate that there is plenty of supply to meet current demand.

Benchmark U.S. crude for November delivery dropped \$1.42, or 1.4 percent, to close at \$97.80 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's the lowest close since June 28.

The November contract expires Tuesday. The more heavily traded December contract fell \$1.38 to \$98.30 a barrel.

The U.S. government said the economy added 148,000 jobs in September, a number that suggests employers held back on hiring before a 16-day partial government shutdown began Oct. 1. It wasn't a number that signaled an increased need for gasoline for the daily commute. The jobs data came a day after the Energy Department reported a jump in U.S. crude supplies. The government said Monday that U.S. crude supplies rose by 4 million barrels in the week ended Oct. 11. The report was delayed five days due to the government shutdown.

Analysts at The Schork Report estimated that U.S. commercial crude oil stocks are at the third highest level for October since 1930 and 13 percent above the normal range over the previous decade. Expectations are that supplies rose by another 3 million barrels last week. The Energy Department reports that figure on Wednesday. Brent crude, the international benchmark, gained 33 cents to \$109.97 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

In other energy futures trading on Nymex:

— Wholesale gasoline slipped 4 cents to \$2.62 a gallon.

— Natural gas dropped 9 cents to \$3.58 per 1,000 cubic feet.

— Heating oil fell 1 cent to \$3.00 a gallon. □

August: US construction spending up 0.6%

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

Spending on U.S. construction projects rose at a solid pace in August, helped by further gains in residential building. Overall construction activity climbed to the highest level in more than four years. Construction spending increased 0.6 percent in August compared with July when spending increased a strong 1.4 percent, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. The July gain was revised to show an increase that was more than double

the initial estimate.

Total construction rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$916.1 billion, the fastest pace since April 2009. The strength in construction should help the overall economy, which has been struggling this year with the adverse effects of government tax increases and spending reductions. The August gain reflected a solid rise in housing activity, which was up 1.2 percent. The housing increase included a 1.6 percent rise in single-family construction and a 3.2 percent increase in the smaller

apartment sector.

Non-residential construction rose a slight 0.1 percent in August after a much stronger 3.7 percent July advance. In August, there were solid gains in office building and motel and hotel construction but the category that includes shopping centers fell.

Spending on government projects rose 0.4 percent, reflecting a 0.8 percent increase in state and local government activity. That offset a 3.8 percent drop in spending on federal projects, which fell to their lowest level since June 2008. □



Construction workers lay out a cement foundation at a Brasfield and Gorrie construction site for the Emory Proton Therapy Center, in Atlanta. Construction spending increased 0.6 percent in August compared with July when spending increased a strong 1.4 percent, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Jaime Henry-White)

Harley-Davidson profit jumps 21% on sales

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Harley-Davidson's third-quarter earnings rose 21 percent, as buyers in the U.S. and abroad snapped up a line-up of new motorcycles that was introduced in August.

The Milwaukee company said U.S. sales were up 20 percent from July through September, while international sales rose 6.5 percent. The quarter continued the company's comeback from the economic meltdown in 2008.

Harley-Davidson made \$162.7 million, or 73 cents per share, during the third quarter, up from \$134 mil-

lion, or 59 cents per share, a year ago. Revenue from motorcycles and related products rose 8 percent to \$1.18 billion.

The company matched Wall Street's expectations for the quarter. Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of 73 cents per share on revenue of \$1.17 billion. The strong earnings, released Tuesday, nudged Harley shares up in morning trading. The company's stock rose 11 cents to \$65.68 shortly after the opening bell.

The company said it sold almost 71,000 motorcycles

worldwide during the quarter, nearly 16 percent more than a year ago. Sales rose 10 percent in the Asia-Pacific region, and gained nearly 16 percent in Latin America.

Buyers responded well to Harley's new Project Rushmore line of motorcycles that was introduced on Aug. 18, Chairman and CEO Keith Wandell said in a statement. "Initial retail sales of the new Project Rushmore motorcycles sparked the largest year-over-year new model sales increase in two decades," Wandell said. □

STREET BRIEFS Buffett: smooth succession at his firm and charity

OMAHA, Nebraska (AP)

— Billionaire Warren Buffett says he doesn't think his son's charity will suffer in the future when Howard Buffett becomes Berkshire Hathaway's chairman because the role shouldn't be time-consuming. Warren Buffett discussed part of the succession plan for the Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate he leads Tuesday during an interview on Bloomberg television.

Warren Buffett says Howard Buffett would make an ideal chairman to protect the company's culture after he is gone, but the 83-year-old Warren Buffett says the job shouldn't be time-consuming unless there is a problem. Buffett says there won't be a problem because the board already knows who it would pick to be Berkshire's next CEO and that internal candidate for the job will be terrific. Buffett has no plans to retire.

Foreign holding of US Treasury debt fall in Aug.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury securities fell for a fifth consecutive month, suggesting some buyers may have been worried about the impact of budget fights in Washington.

The Treasury Department says total foreign holdings declined 0.1 percent in August, compared to July, to \$5.59 trillion. Holdings have declined \$133 billion since hitting a record high in March. China, the largest foreign holder of Treasury debt, trimmed its purchases by 0.9 percent in August to \$1.27 trillion while Japan, in second place, raised its purchases by 1.2 percent to \$1.15 trillion. Erik Johnston, senior economist at IHS Global Insight, said U.S. securities have become less appealing over the past few months because of the budget wrangling in Washington which triggered "another close call with the debt ceiling." □

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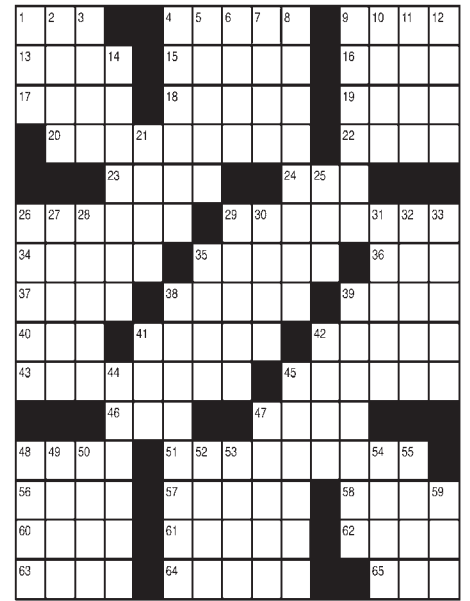
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- Resigns
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- Encourage
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- Seymour or Pauley
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- Wood-destroying bug
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- Pen contents
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- Cleanse
- Severity
- Singer Page
- Colors
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- Grand home

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- Hit on the head
- Migraine, e.g.
- Caribbean island nation
- Bread variety
- Small fruit pie
- Pressed
- Endured

- Char
- Play divisions
- Closed circle
- Location
- Part of the leg
- Beach surface
- ___ a one; none
- Delight
- Summer blower

Woes that slowed American hiring in September linger

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Even as hiring and economic growth have remained tepid in recent months, the stock market has been roaring. Two key reasons: The Federal Reserve's policies have kept long-term interest rates so low that many investors have shifted out of low-yielding bonds and into stocks, thereby driving up stock prices. And corporations have managed to deliver steady profit growth, in part by keeping costs down.

The economy has been growing at a lethargic pace since the recession officially ended in June 2009. Growth has averaged about 2 percent a year. Job growth since 2010 has averaged about 180,000 a month.

The burst of hiring earlier this year was probably unsustainable without a faster economy, said Sophia Koropecyk, an economist at Moody's Analytics. While companies were adding jobs at a healthy pace in the first six months of the year, the economy was expanding at a meager annual rate of 1.8 percent.

Brief periods of robust job gains have raised hopes only to fizzle.

The weak economic growth appears to have caught up with employers. They're now adding fewer jobs. That's been particularly noticeable among companies that depend on consumers, like restaurants and retail chains.

A category that includes hotels, restaurants and entertainment companies, such as amusement parks, has added just 5,000 jobs over the past three months. That's down from 146,000 over the previous three months.

Retailers are still hiring. But the 21,000 positions they added in September were the fewest in six months.

The slowdown may reflect an ongoing response to the tax increases that took effect this year, Koropecyk said. Americans are taking home less pay because of a 2 percentage point increase in Social Security taxes. A person earning \$50,000 a year has about \$1,000 less to spend this year. A household with two high-paid workers has up to \$4,500 less. Income taxes for upper-income

households also rose.

Consumer confidence plummeted during the government shutdown to the lowest level in nearly two years, according to Gallup. And pay raises have been slight: Average hourly pay rose just 2.1 percent in September from 12 months earlier. That's barely keeping up with historically low inflation.

Many economists estimate that the partial government shutdown cut \$25 billion out of the economy and slowed growth to about a 2 percent annual rate in the October-December quarter. That's weaker than estimates before the shutdown that the economy would expand at a 2.5 percent annual rate this quarter.

The shutdown delayed the release of the September jobs report for 18 days. It will also delay the scheduled release of the Octo-

ber jobs report by a week, until Nov. 8.

In the meantime, the tight job market has discouraged many Americans from seeking jobs. The percentage of Americans who are working or looking for work remained at a 35-year low last month.

That helps explain why the unemployment rate dipped to a still-high 7.2 percent in September from 7.3 percent in August. The government doesn't count people without a job as unemployed unless they're looking for one. The drop in unemployment from 7.9 percent at the start of the year has occurred mainly because many people aren't actively seeking jobs. □

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U.S. carbon dioxide pollution down 3.8 percent



A Norfolk Southern Railroad train pulls transport cars full of coal near Goodfield, Ill., on Oct. 9, 2012. The United States cut its energy-related carbon dioxide pollution by 3.8 percent in 2012, the second biggest drop since 1990, the Department of Energy said Monday, Oct. 21, 2013. Energy Department economist Perry Lindstrom said carbon pollution reduction is due to warm winter weather, more efficient cars because of new mileage requirements and an ongoing shift from coal-power to natural gas to produce electricity.

Associated Press

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States cut its energy-related carbon dioxide pollution by 3.8 percent last year, the second biggest drop since 1990, the Department of Energy said Monday.

The only recent year with a bigger percentage drop was in 2009, when America

was in a large recession. American cars and factories spewed 5.83 billion tons of carbon dioxide in 2012, down from 6.06 billion in 2011. It is the lowest level for U.S. emissions since 1994. Carbon dioxide is the chief man-made global warming gas.

Energy Department economist Perry Lindstrom said carbon pollution reduc-

tion is due to warm winter weather, more efficient cars because of new mileage requirements and an ongoing shift from coal-power to natural gas to produce electricity.

The coal shift is a big factor as is a sluggish economic recovery, said Jay Apt, director of the Carnegie Mellon Electricity Industry Center. He said in 1994 coal provided 52 percent of the U.S. power and now it is down to 37 percent. Burning coal produces far more carbon dioxide than burning natural gas.

Some past cuts in carbon pollution were mostly due to economic factors, such as the 7.1 percent drop in 2009, Lindstrom said. But this drop happened while the U.S. economy was growing 2.8 percent, as reflected by the gross domestic product, and its energy use was dropping by more than 2 percent.

Economists measure energy efficiency and how real reductions are in carbon pollution, by calculating carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP.

U.S. to stop printing nautical charts

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government is going into uncharted waters, doing away with deep-sixing the giant paper nautical charts that it has been printing for mariners for more than 150 years.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Tuesday that the traditional brownish heavy paper charts won't be printed after mid-April.

Capt. Shep Smith, head of NOAA's marine chart division, said the agency will still chart the water for rocks, shipwrecks and dangers, but mariners will have to see the information using private on-demand printing, PDFs and electronic maps.

"Think of them as the road-map of the ocean," said Smith. "The navigational charts tell you what's under the water, which is critical for navigation."



In this undated photo made available by NOAA, mariners use a printed nautical chart aboard their ship. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013 that the traditional heavy paper lithographic nautical charts will stop being printed next April.

Associated Press

But now most people use the on-demand maps printed by private shops, which are more up-to-date and accurate, Smith said. Still, NOAA sells about 60,000 of the old lithographic maps each year, for about \$20 apiece, the

same price it costs to print them.

The trouble is that NOAA does not print them, but the Federal Aviation Administration does. And they do not want to anymore to save some money, Smith said. □



This photo released courtesy of the Catalina Island Marine Institute taken on Sunday Oct. 13, 2013 shows the crew of sailing school vessel Tole Mour and Catalina Island Marine Institute instructors holding an 18-foot-long oarfish that was found in the waters of Toyon Bay on Santa Catalina Island, Calif. A marine science instructor snorkeling off the Southern California coast spotted the silvery carcass of the 18-foot-long, serpent-like oarfish.

Associated Press

California 'sea serpents' draw gawkers

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The silvery carcasses of two giant oarfish were discovered along the Southern California coast last week, baffling scientists and gaining a growing online following who gawked at the bony, snake-like creatures.

A 14-foot (4.3 meter) oarfish washed up on a beach in the San Diego County coastal city of Oceanside last Friday. Several days earlier, a snorkeler found the carcass of an 18-foot oarfish off Catalina Island and dragged it to shore with some help.

The rarely seen deep-sea dwellers, which can grow to more than 50 feet, may be the inspiration of sea monsters found in literature and throughout history. Here's a closer look at the oarfish:

HOW OFTEN DO THEY VENTURE CLOSE TO SHORE?

Oarfish beach themselves around the world. Every so often, one wanders to the Southern California coast.

HOW DID THE TWO OARFISH DIE?

While necropsies — the animal version of an autopsy — were done on the oarfish, the cause of death remains unknown. Scientists said the deaths may forever remain a mystery. The smaller oarfish appeared to be in good

health before it died and there were no signs of shark bites.

Oarfish are thought to be poor swimmers, so maybe the ones found last week got caught in a current that pushed them to coastal waters, marine experts said.

"If they get disoriented and into the surf zone, they'll probably have trouble maneuvering back out to sea," said Phil Hastings, curator of the marine vertebrate collection at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

WHY IS SO LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT OARFISH?

Oarfish tend to remain quiet in the deep ocean, luring smaller fish toward them.

Since they are found in tropical waters 3,000 feet deep, scientists get few opportunities to study them. The dead oarfish that float ashore don't tell the whole story. It's like trying to study deer killed on the road, said Milton Love, a marine biologist at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"You wouldn't know much about deer based on roadkill," he said.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Scientists have dissected the oarfish, preserved some tissue and organs, and planned to send samples to researchers around the world. □

Bullock, Roberts crowned at Hollywood Film Awards

JESSICA HERNDON

AP Film Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, California

(AP) — With talk of televising the Hollywood Film Awards Gala next year, stars at Monday's ceremony enjoyed what could be their last unedited award show.

Julia Roberts accepted her supporting actress award barefoot and multiple stars, including Roberts, Sandra Bullock, Jack Black and Jane Fonda spouted expletives freely.

Launching the awards season, the 17th annual Hollywood Film Awards, held at The Beverly Hilton, brought together a slew of A-list stars to toast accomplishments — and share laughs. Kanye West kicked off the ceremony by presenting Steve McQueen with the "Hollywood Breakout Director Award."

"I've arrived!" said McQueen, who directed "12 Years a Slave."

Black presented the screenwriter award to Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy and Richard Linklater, the trio behind "Before Midnight." On-stage Delpy and Hawke quibbled as Delpy bumped Hawke away from the microphone with her hips. Said Linklater, "This is why we don't improvise

in the movie."

When presenting Michael De Luca with his producer award, "Captain Phillips" newcomer Barkhad Abdi thanked him for "changing my life."

Abdi played one of the Somali pirates who hijacked an American cargo ship off the Horn of Africa in 2009. Kicking off his actor award acceptance speech with the first lines he'd uttered onscreen in 1993's "Dazed and Confused," Matthew McConaughey greeted the crowd with an aptly southern "All right, all right, all right." Star of the upcoming "Dallas Buyers Club," he said he's enjoyed playing the anti-hero and gave a special thanks to wife Camila Alves, who "makes sure I never have to look in the rearview mirror when I go to work."

Sean Penn presented Roberts with the supporting actress award for her work in "August: Osage County." "It was my dream cast," said Roberts.

"It was something I almost didn't do. I was scared because I am that paradox of person who wants to be Lucille Ball, but who wants to be invisible."

Robert Downy Jr. had one of the best opening lines of any presenter: "Greta

Garbo, Grace Kelly, Faye Dunaway, Charlize Theron, Jared Leto:

All arguably the most beautiful actresses," he said before handing Leto his breakout performance award for his role as a transgender person in "Dallas Buyers Club."

Presented by Angela Bassett, the "New Hollywood Award" went to Lupita Nyong'o, who was the only recipient to tear up during her speech.

When receiving her actress award from Octavia Spencer, Bullock said, "The Hollywood I know has allowed me to keep trying and not send me out to pasture."

Said Lee Daniels when accepting his director award for his work on "Lee Daniels' The Butler," "This is a



Sandra Bullock accepts the Hollywood actress award at the 17th Annual Hollywood Film Awards Gala at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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big time not just for African American cinema, but for cinema."

Chris Martin accepted the song award for Coldplay's track "Atlas," the original song penned for the upcoming "The Hun-

ger Games: Catching Fire," which he performed at the gala.

Harrison Ford, who gained the career achievement award, was the only recipient to receive a standing ovation. □

Sean Combs begins his all-music network

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sean Combs' new Revolt channel launched with a nod to big dreams and its founder's musical past, bringing a new outlet for music to television.

Despite some technical glitches in its opening Monday, Combs aspires to nothing less than making Revolt the ESPN of music, with well-curated playlists and a strong focus on industry news.

"I want to know, who is Taylor Swift?" Combs said. "Why is Miley Cyrus twerking? Why did Jay-Z and Justin Timberlake go on

tour? Why did Kanye West call his daughter 'North'?" The industry of music is just as important, or more important, as the industry of sports. Sports are covered in a serious manner and we want to follow in those footsteps." Most fans watch videos online or on demand these days, despite the existence of MTV's networks, Fuse and BET. The struggling music industry doesn't spend as much producing flashy videos as it did in MTV's heyday. Networks that have started out primarily with videos moved on, primarily because the format is unattractive to advertisers. □

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Kim Kardashian, Kanye West are engaged

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Marriage is coming after the baby carriage for Kim Kardashian and Kanye West. Kardashian's publicist, Ina Treciokas, confirmed Tuesday that the couple are engaged.

E! News first reported that West proposed to Kardashian Monday — her 33rd birthday — in front of family and friends at the AT&T Park, home of the San Francisco Giants.

Kardashian gave birth to the couple's first child, daughter North West, in June. A photo posted on Instagram shows a screen at the stadium that reads "PLEEEASE MARRY MEEE!!!" — in typical West font — above a black-clad orchestra. Another shows Kardashian showing off a diamond ring with a smiling West behind her.

The Kardashian clan has a



In this Sept. 29, 2013 file photo, Kanye West, left, and Kim Kardashian arrive to attend Givenchy's ready-to-wear Spring/Summer 2014 fashion collection in Paris.

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series of reality shows on E!, but the network said Tuesday it did not have cameras at the stadium to capture the moment.

Khloe Kardashian seemed to celebrate on Twitter when she wrote: "Tears of JOY!!!!!! Wow!!!!!!" She also tweeted: "Wow!!!! Am I dreaming??!?!!" Kimye were quiet on Twitter.

Kardashian was previously married to NBA player Kris Humphries. Their divorce was finalized in June after they were married for 72 days in 2011. Her first marriage was to music producer Damon Thomas in 2000.

West is currently on a tour with Kendrick Lamar. "The Yeezus Tour" will visit the SAP Center in San Jose on Tuesday night. Earlier Monday, he attended the Hollywood Film Awards in Beverly Hills, presenting Steve McQueen with the Hollywood Breakout Director Award. □

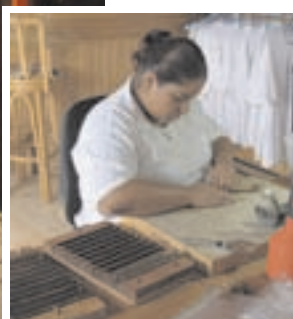
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Obamacare, Failing Ahead Of Schedule



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This is not the column about the Obamacare rollout I expected to write.

If you had told me, months ago, that weeks after the health care law's coverage expansion went into effect I would be writing about the problems its launch had exposed, I would have assumed I'd be writing about rate shock, rising premiums and the disappearance of many cheap insurance plans - basically, all the problems conservatives have worried will make Obamacare a ruinously expensive failure if they play out as we fear they might. I may be writing about those issues soon enough. But for now there is a more pressing subject: The online federal health care exchange, the heart of the Obamacare project, is such a rolling catastrophe that it may end up creating a major policy fiasco immediately rather than eventually. This fiasco has always been a possibility, for reasons inherent in the architecture of the law. When The New Republic's Jonathan Cohn, the most rigorous defender of the entire reform project, wrote up his "five Obamacare anxieties" in May, the first one was structural: The system's sustainability depends on getting enough healthy people to sign up, he pointed out, and if they don't then insurers "will have to raise everyone's premiums," which "could create what actuaries call a 'death spiral': Rising premiums prompt people to drop out, causing premiums to increase even more."

Cohn thought such a death spiral was unlikely, and frankly so did I. Between the stick of the mandate, the carrot of subsidies and the planned PR blitz, it seemed as if enough Americans would sign up to at least postpone the cost problem and get the system off the ground. But it seemed that way because it was hard to imagine the Obama White House botching the design and execution of its national health care exchange. Building websites, mastering the Internet - this is what Team Obama does! Except this time Team Obama didn't. Like the Bush administration in Iraq, the White House seems to have invaded the health insurance marketplace with woefully inadequate post-invasion planning, and let the occupation turn into a disaster of hack work and incompetence. Right now, the problems with the exchange website appear to be systemic - a mess on the front end, where people are supposed to shop for plans, and also a thicket at the back end, where

insurers are supposed to process applications.

The disaster can presumably be fixed. As Cohn pointed out Friday, many of the state-level exchanges are working better than the federal one, and somewhere there must be a tech-world David Petraeus capable of stabilizing healthcare.gov. And the White House has some time to work with: weeks before the end-of-year enrollment rush, and months before the mandate's penalty is supposed to be levied. But if the fix-it effort moves too slowly, it's possible to envision a worst-case scenario unfolding. If the website doesn't work soon, even liberals concede that the mandate would have to be delayed, because you can't very well fine people for failing to buy a product they can't access. And that combination - a hard-to-navigate online portal and no penalty for staying uninsured - could effectively discourage all but the most desperate customers from shopping, which in turn would create an unsustainably expensive insurance pool, driving prices up and driving people away, and potentially wrecking the entire individual insurance market in short order.

If this happens, there will be a lot of schadenfreude on the right at the spectacle of technocratic failure. But the wreck of the exchanges may actually be worse for conservative policy objectives than a more successful rollout would have been.

That's because while conservatives think the Obamacare exchanges are overregulated and oversubsidized, they are actually closer to the right-of-center vision for health care reform than the Obamacare Medicaid expansion, which is happening no matter what transpires with healthcare.gov. So if the exchanges fail and the Medicaid expansion takes effect (and, inevitably, becomes difficult to roll back), we'll be left with an individual market that's completely dysfunctional and a more socialized system over all. In that scenario, the Democratic Party would probably end up pushing, not for the pipe dream of true single payer, but for a further bottom-up/top-down socialization, in which Medicare is offered to 55- to 65-year-olds and Medicaid is eventually expanded even more. Meanwhile, the task for serious conservative reformers - already not the most politically effective bunch - might actually become harder, because they would have to explain how their plan to build an effective, exchange-based marketplace differed from the Obama White House's exchange fiasco.

So while Republican politicians may be salivating over a potential Obamacare crisis, the conservative policy thinkers I know are not. They're hoping, as I'm hoping, that this isn't as bad as it looks. The chance to say "I told you so" is always nice, but not if the price is a potentially irrecoverable disaster. □

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Are Chicks Brighter Than Babies?



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Some Americans are wondering whether to eat chicken in the aftermath of the latest salmonella outbreak.

But there's another reason to avoid poultry, and that's the inhumane way birds are often raised. We tend to feel more sympathy for calves with large, cute eyes, but, as an Oregon farmboy, I have to say that poultry are far from the nitwits we assume - and of the two-legged folk I've met over the decades, some of the most admirable have been geese.

Even as a boy, I was struck that our geese mated for life, showing each other tenderness and support without obvious marital squabbles or affairs. If there are philandering geese, I have never met one.

I remember being impressed by the way our geese shared family obligations. A mother goose would sit on her nest, while her mate would set out into the fields and find, say, an overlooked stash of corn kernels. Instead of sneaking a few for himself, he would rush them back to his "wife."

The nobility of geese was most on display at execution time. My job as an 11-year-old when

we beheaded the geese was to capture a bird and take it to the chopping block as my dad wielded the ax.

So I would rush at the terrified flock and randomly grab an unlucky goose. The bird in my arms would honk in terror and try to escape, and the other geese would waddle after me toward the chopping block, trying to

honk comfort to its mate. Then one goose would emerge from the flock and walk tremulously toward me, terrified but unwilling to abandon its mate. It would waddle after me toward the chopping block, trying to

honk comfort to its mate. Even as a child, I was awed. This was raw courage and fidelity - and maybe conjugal love, although it sounds hokey to say so - that made me wonder if these animals were actually our moral superiors.

Maybe my farmboy recollections reflect anthropomorphism or soggy sentimentality. But, in the last decade or so, scientists have conducted experiments that tend to confirm the notion that poultry are smarter and more sophisticated than we give them credit for.

For starters, hens can count - at least to six. They can be taught that food is in the sixth hole from the left and they will go straight to it.

Even chicks can do basic arithmetic, so that if you shuffle five items in a shell game, they mentally keep track of additions and subtractions and choose the area with the higher number of items. In a number of such tests, chicks do better than toddlers.

A lengthy study this year from the University of Bristol in Britain, The Intelligent Hen, lays out the evidence for the chicken as an intellectual.

The study also notes that hens are willing to delay gratification if the reward is right.

Researchers in one study gave hens the option of two keys, one of which would wait two sec-

onds and then give the hen three seconds of food, and the other would force a wait of six seconds but offer 22 seconds of food. After learning that trade-off, 93 percent of hens preferred the delay with more food.

Chickens communicate with different calls to warn about ground predators and birds of prey. Still other calls signal food.

Hens are social animals, preferring the companionship of those they know to strangers. They recover more quickly from stress when they are with an acquaintance.

Their brains are good at multitasking, for the right eye looks out for food, while the left watches for predators and potential mates. Poultry watch television, and, in one experiment, learned from watching birds on TV how to find food in particular bowls.

Look, farmbirds are not Einsteins. But evidence is mounting that they're smarter than we have assumed, and just because they don't have big brown eyes doesn't mean that they should be condemned to spend their lives jammed into tiny cages in stinking, fetid barns, with bodies of dead birds sometimes left rotting beside live ones.

I don't know myself where to draw the lines. I eat meat, so this entire column may be braised in hypocrisy.

But just as we try to protect dogs and cats from undue suffering, without necessarily considering them our equals, it makes sense to minimize animal suffering more broadly when we can. So even when there are no salmonella outbreaks, there are good reasons to keep away from wretched birds raised in factory farms.

For my part, whenever I'm offered goose, I think back to my childhood and see those brave birds stepping forward, gallantly trying to console their mates. Whatever we make of these animals, we needn't scorn them as "birdbrains." □

Anarchist tactics grow amid Brazil's protests

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — When a tear gas canister rattled around at Andrea Coelho's feet, a masked young man picked it up and tossed it back at police. Right there, the kindergarten teacher decided she backed him and his fellow Black Bloc anarchists. Coelho was one of thousands of teachers marching through central Rio de Janeiro to demand better wages and school conditions when police decided to disperse the demonstration. A few nights before, striking teachers occupy-

turn the anarchists in Brazil into a driving force behind protests in recent weeks. The demonstrations have lessened in size but not frequency since masses took to the streets in June, fed up with a litany of problems that mostly center on corruption, woeful public services, and big spending on the upcoming World Cup and 2016 Olympics. More protests erupted Monday as demonstrators railed against a government auction of a big offshore oil field, which petroleum unions think should remain completely in Brazilian hands, and the anar-

The twist in Brazil, experts say, is that the tactics haven't been quickly rejected by more mainstream protesters as they have been in places like Mexico, Chile and Venezuela. That could allow the movement to grow significantly. During a protest in Rio last week, one young anarchist sprinted through a haze of tear gas as his throat burned and ears rang from a series of stun grenades police unleashed moments before. Taking cover behind a battered metal newsstand in Rio's historic Cinelandia

Black Bloc. "People are fed up, and because of the police violence against peaceful protests, the Black Bloc returning that violence has become a way for people to express their indignation," the young man said at the end of the protest. Like seven other Black Bloc adherents interviewed, he wouldn't give his name, citing fears of arrest and the tactic's hallmark anonymity. "I don't expect a majority of people to support it, but I know they understand the anger." Black Bloc jumped via social media from the devel-

these conditions and because it's new in Brazil, it could grow." In the interviews with Black Bloc adherents, all repeated what's been heard in the U.S. and Europe before: They have no leaders, they operate in anonymity; there are no lists of demands for the government to meet. Wearing black and covering their faces to make it hard for police to identify them, they head to demonstrations armed with slingshots, Molotov cocktails and homemade wooden shields with "BB" printed in white. Many look to be in their mid-to-late teens.

Their aim is to use action like destroying the property of multinational companies and confronting riot police to disrupt a political system they say doesn't allow for their participation and only represents entrenched economic interests.

But as in Egypt and elsewhere, the Black Bloc in Brazil says it also exists to protect other protesters from heavy-handed police tactics.

Brazilians widely consider their police poorly trained and violent, a force that is infamous for extrajudicial killings. A 2008 United Nations report said Brazilian police were responsible for a significant portion of the country's 48,000 homicides the year before.

There have been no reliable public opinion polls on the Black Bloc in Brazil and it's difficult to gauge wider perceptions about it. Politicians and local media condemn the vandalism its adherents carry out, smashing up scores of banks and other businesses in major cities.

Yet the tactic is clearly growing in cities like Rio. Six weeks ago, perhaps 50 people clearly identifying with the Black Bloc appeared in protests. At the Oct. 15 march by teachers, about 400 black-clad demonstrators were in the streets. Facebook pages dedicated to the tactic are increasingly rallying adherents. □



Masked members of the Black Bloc anarchist group join in a march in support of striking teachers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Black Bloc, a violent form of protest and vandalism that emerged in the 1980s in West Germany, has become a driving force in Brazil behind protests in recent weeks. The young Brazilians are following the main anti-capitalist tenets of earlier versions, smashing scores of banks and multinational businesses during demonstrations and directly confronting riot police.

(AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo)

ing the city council building were beaten and dragged out by officers.

"It was the Black Bloc that protected me in that protest," Coelho, 47, said at the beginning of a march last week that again descended into fighting between anarchists and police. "The police came in firing tear gas, hitting us with clubs. A young Black Bloc stepped right in between me and the police. If it weren't for them, the police would have destroyed us."

That sentiment has helped

chists rallied in Rio's historic center to support the strike of the teachers and oil workers.

Black Bloc is a violent form of protest and vandalism that emerged in the 1980s in West Germany and helped shut down the 1999 World Trade Summit in Seattle. It's clear that the masked, young Brazilians are following the main anti-capitalist tenets of earlier versions, smashing scores of banks and multinational businesses during demonstrations and directly confronting riot police.

district, the 25-year-old dread-locked man steadied himself, tightened the straps of goggles he was wearing, and yelled to a cluster of 30 black-clad demonstrators facing a line of riot police half a block away.

"Fight! Fight! Fight!" he screamed amid one of Brazil's most violent protests since June. "It's all going down right now!"

The protesters hurled rocks at police. The officers responded with more stun grenades and tear gas, scattering the adherents of

oped world to places such as Egypt and Brazil, where experts say it's potentially more explosive because it feeds off deeper social unrest. It's almost certain to affect Brazil's World Cup and Olympics.

"The police, violence, poverty, hardship of life and economic inequality in Brazil can radicalize the situation to a greater degree," said Saul Newman, a professor at Goldsmiths College in London whose research has focused on anarchism. "It's hard to predict, but because of